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Via email:

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Ms Grace Haden,

Your emails dated 7 May 2014, forwarded to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, have been referred to the New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust.

Please note that the Trust is not subject to the Official Information Act 1982.

In response to the three questions that you raise:

Do members of parliament partake in this relationship as a consequence to any legislation . If so what act and section facilitates this relationship? No, there is no legislation.

Who appoints the MP to the respective companies is this done through the trust or by Government. Members of Parliament are assigned by the Trust.

Is this organization the same as what is called the cabinet club . If not is there a cabinet club and how does one join. No, it is not. Our only information relating to the Cabinet Club is probably the same as yours, what we have read in recent media reporting.

Please note that your comment "the Trust has a number of members of parliament assigned to their fee paying members" is not correct. The names of the Members of Parliament beside the Corporate member indicates only that the Member of Parliament undertook a Business Study Programme attachment with that organisation.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive