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Ref: PMO 2021-265

Dear Mark Brown

Official Information Act request for information relating to sovereign persons

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 6 October 2021. You requested:

- 1) *the number of Sovereign persons the New Zealand Government recognises to be within the lands defined on an ordinary map called New Zealand.*
- 2) *of those Sovereign persons how many are;*
 - i. *a man/woman of flesh and blood*
 - ii. *a legal person*
- 3) *Please provide a list of names of the Sovereign's for 2(i) and 2(ii).*

Unfortunately, the information you have requested does not exist.

We have made every possible effort to locate the document, including consulting with departments we believed may hold such information. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the requested information does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raj Nahna'.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff