

# Office of the Prime Minister

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P Shaw

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Ref: PMO 2021-344

Dear P Shaw

### Official Information Act request relating to accredited media

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 24 November 2021. You requested:

*"1). An up-to-date list of the accredited media that Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern referred to, but not including the press gallery membership list as I already have that information.*

*2). Any information regarding the application process by which a New Zealand media company, such as the company mentioned above, must complete to become an accredited media organization recognized by the New Zealand Parliament so that they may participate in parliamentary press conferences. Again, to be clear, I am not asking for information related to the process of becoming a press gallery member."*

I can advise that neither the Prime Minister nor the Prime Minister's Office oversee the application process of accredited media. Applications to be a member of the press gallery, and the accreditation process is overseen by the Chair of the Press Gallery, and the Speaker's Office. However, the Prime Minister's Office is unable to transfer your request for information to them as they are not covered by the Act.

As such, your request is refused under section 18(g) as the information is not held by the Prime Minister's Office.

You may wish to visit the Parliament website for further information about Press Gallery Membership, at [www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/information-for-the-press/](http://www.parliament.nz/en/get-involved/information-for-the-press/).

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