



23 March 2022

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Ref: OIA-2021/22-1059

Dear Luke

Official Information Act request relating to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and increased transparency of government

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) received on 4 March 2022. You requested:

“In the Prime Minister’s first speech to Parliament after the 2017 election, she proclaimed:

‘This government will foster a more open and democratic society. It will strengthen transparency around official information.’

How does the Prime Minister and this Department [DPMC] aim to achieve that goal? What programmes have the Prime Minister and this Department [DPMC] initiated since 2017, that aim to encourage transparency in Government?

Has the Department [DPMC] provided any advice to the Government regarding reforming the Official Information Act since 2017? If so, when was this advice last tendered?”

I have decided under section 15A of the Act to extend the time limits for deciding on your request by an additional 25 working days. Consequently, the extended due date for your response will be 11 May 2022.

The extension is required because of the consultations needed to make a decision on your request. Despite the extension, a response will be sent to you as soon as possible.

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

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial and Business Services