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Tēnā koe Mr Sergeant

**Your Official Information Act request OIA21/22-0654**

Thank you for your email of 28 March 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“Could you please provide me with any information relating to internal discussions within the DIA or correspondence with the New Zealand Treasury and/or the Parliamentary Counsel Office about the possible repeal of the Wellington City Milk-supply Act 1919 in the run-up to the release of the introduction of the Statutes Repeal Bill to Parliament by Minister Steven Joyce and Parliamentary Under Secretary David Seymour on 7 September 2016.”*

The Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) is refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as no information within scope exists.

Repealing the Milk-supply Act is not a priority while the Department is progressing an ambitious package of reforms across the local government sector.

We intend to publish our response to your request on [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz). This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the Act’s purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of Ministers and officials.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

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