



## Office of the Prime Minister

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Ms Suzette Dawson

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Dear Ms Dawson

### Follow-Up Information from this Office concerning Alleged Interference

I refer to your follow-up email of 21 September 2014 in response to your original request for information held by this Office concerning alleged political interference in gaining employment.

In response to your concerns and request for information about communications sent over the parliamentary network, this Office does not have access to all communications sent and received over the parliamentary network. For the purpose of the Official Information Act 1982, this Office holds official information in relation to the Prime Minister's role as a Minister of Crown. As noted in my previous response to you, the Office has searched its records pertaining to your name and no information has been identified.

You have requested all communications sent over the parliamentary network that reportedly mention alleged political interference in your gaining of employment. The Parliamentary Service is the responsible agency which administers this network. The Parliamentary Service is not listed in the schedule of organisations to which the Official Information Act applies and, therefore, this part of your request cannot be transferred to the Parliamentary Service. This Office is also not able to suggest where you are able to obtain the information you are seeking. Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act on the grounds "*that the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either-*

- (i) *Held by another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or a local authority; or*
- (ii) *Connected more closely with the functions of another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority."*

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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