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Dear Harry,

**Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 2021/22-1471**

Your Official Information Act request to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on 24 August 2022. You requested the following:

*"All documents and Cabinet papers mentioning Whangarei in relation to infrastructure and health funding decisions from the date beginning October 2017."*

I confirm that there are no Cabinet papers or associated documents from the Department that would fall within the scope of your request. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

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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