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Tēnā koe Harry

Official Information Act request for listed Cabinet Papers

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, transferred from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) to Prime Minister Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern on 24 August 2022. You requested:

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

Your request was transferred to a number of ministers and government agencies for response, including the Prime Minister. I wrote to you recently extending the time limit for response by 10 working days, to 6 October 2022. The additional time was needed to complete consultation before a final decision was made on your request. I am now in a position to respond.

Identified as relevant to your request were some documents provided to ministers covering a number of current government priorities. These documents are provided in confidence to ministers, including the Prime Minister and have been withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(f)(ii), to maintain collective and individual ministerial responsibility
- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials.

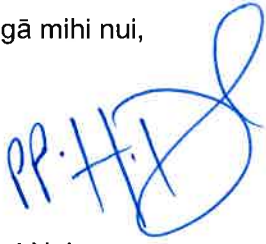
Also identified as relevant to your request are some briefings provided by DPMC's Policy Advisory Group to the Prime Minister. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence to support her in her role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. These briefings are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv), to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered by or to Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

No public interest in releasing the withheld information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

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

Ngā mihi nui,



Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff