

18 December 2014

Scott Milne
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Dear Mr Milne

I refer to your Official Information Act (Act) request of 14 September 2014 to Hon Christopher Finlayson, which was transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs for reply on 26 September 2014.

You have requested:

[T]he exact time and dates that requests similar to the request placed for information to Cameron Slater's OIA request dated 21 December 2012, received at 1.27pm were received. These "similar requests" were stated as a reason for Cameron Slater's request being expedited "in the interest of fairness."

- a) When were similar requests received (Date and time)*
- b) When were similar requests successfully or partially fulfilled (Date and time)*
- c) Were these similar requests responded to by email or by post.*

I apologise for the time it has taken to respond to you. As Hon Judith Collins is no longer a Minister your request was transferred to the Department's Ministerial and Secretariat Services as the administrator of Ministerial offices. However upon consideration of your request it has become evident that we are unable to give you a response as only Hon Judith Collins and/or those in her office involved in compiling the response would be aware of what the similar requests that were referred to are. I am therefore declining your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information is not held by the department and I have no grounds for believing the information is either held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

I am unable to transfer your request to Ms Collins as she is no longer subject to the Act.



If you have any concerns regarding my response to your request these can be directed to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or online at: <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Mclvor', written in a cursive style.

Tim Mclvor
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