



**Te Tari Taiwhenua
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Dear Mr Slater

Your Official Information Act 1982 request reference OIA2223-0448

Thank you for your email of 5 December 2022 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please provide any and all communications, internal and external where Internal Affairs has discussed or acted in using the Facebook takedown portal to refer articles from The BFD news site.”

I have interpreted your request to be communications discussing the referral of *The BFD* articles to the Facebook/Meta take-down portal.

Te Tari Taiwhenua | the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) has not issued any take-down notices or used the Facebook/Meta portal to send requests about content on the website <https://thebfd.co.nz>. There are no communications within the Department, or sent by the Department, regarding the referral of *The BFD* articles to the Facebook/Meta take-down portal. Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act; the information requested does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review 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.govt.nz.

We intend to publish our response to your request on 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.

Yours sincerely

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