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Tēnā koe Adam Irish

Official Information Act request relating to briefings about political foreign influence

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request of 20 December 2022. The following parts of your request were transferred by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 17 January 2023:

“Does the Prime Minister receive security briefing and information on donations or transactions from foreign countries to politicians and public figures.

Has the Prime Minister received any briefing on donations or transactions made from individuals close to the Chinese Communist Party to the Rt Hon John Key. Has his property sales and business dealings been evaluated to ensure he is not beholden to foreign interests.”

Regarding the information requested, we neither confirm nor deny the existence or non-existence of any information. This reply is given within the terms of Section 10 of the Act because disclosing the existence or non-existence of the information is likely to prejudice the interests protected by section 6(a) of the Act, namely the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.

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

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'pp. H. D.' followed by a large, stylized flourish.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff