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Tēnā koe Adam

### **Official Information Act request: Preventing corruption**

Thank you for your email of 13 February 2023, in which you requested, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the measures taken to prevent corruption in New Zealand's political system.

Specifically, you have requested:

*Details of the measures in place to prevent corruption in the political system, including the influence of foreign countries like the PRC.*

*Information on steps being taken to ensure the transparency and accountability of political donations and financial disclosures by politicians and public officials.*

*Information on how the government is addressing the risk of conflicts of interest in its political system, particularly with regards to business dealings with foreign countries.*

*Details on the enforcement mechanisms in place to hold politicians and public officials accountable for their actions and prevent corruption.*

*Information on the government's efforts to raise public awareness about the dangers of corruption and the importance of transparency and accountability in politics.*

*The government's position on international efforts to prevent corruption and promote transparency and accountability in the political system.*

*The government's plans for responding to any allegations of corruption in the political system, particularly those related to foreign influence.*

On 7 March 2023, the Ministry of Justice contacted you to advise that the response to your request would need to be extended by 20 working days as consultation was required with other agencies on the information for release.

Pursuant to section 15(1) of the Act, the Ministry has decided to grant your request. However, we require more time to finalise the information for release. The information will be provided to you as soon as it is ready and without undue delay. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay may cause you.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Paltridge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Antony Paltridge

**Team Leader, Ministerial Relations and Services**