Office of the Prime Minister

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Minister for National Security and Intelligence Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services



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Tēnā koe Alan Campbell

Official Information Act request for written material and communication related to GAB or Andrew Torba

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 19 March 2023. You requested:

"Can you please provide all written material, no matter what format, where the social media company GAB (gab.com), or the name Andrew Torba is mentioned.

Please include any communication to GAB or Andrew Torba to or from yourself or the ministries which you have had responsibility for.

Prime Minister
National Security and Intelligence
Police
Public Service
Covid-19 Response
State Services"

I can advise that no information was received or sent by the Prime Minister on the social media company GAB or Andrew Torba in the Prime Ministerial, Minister for National Security and Intelligence, and Ministerial Services portfolios. I can only advise for the period 25 January 2023 – 19 March 2023 as prior to this Rt Hon Chris Hipkins was not the responsible Minister

Regarding the remainder of your request that references, Police, Public Service, COVID-19 response and State Services. The Prime Minister no longer holds those portfolios and as such, information received in those portfolios from government departments has been returned to the originating department.

Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e), that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Andrew Kirton Chief of Staff