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Dear Adam

Thank you for your email of 2 June 2023 requesting information from the Reserve Bank of New Zealand – Te Pūtea Matua under the Official information Act 1982 (OIA), as follows:

*I would like to request any written communications sent to or from the Reserve Bank Governor, Adrian Orr, which would contain any reference to or evidence of the Governor's resulting or demonstrated awareness of his likeness being used in online memes on websites such as (but not limited to) Twitter.com.*

*That is to say any communications sent to him containing anything in reference to it, or any communications the Governor himself has sent. This may include content in the form of written word, URLs, or images.*

*These written communications can include but are not limited to emails, SMS, or any instant messaging services (i.e. MS Teams).*

*A 24 month search period should suffice.*

## Response

We are declining your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

Please note that there were some limitations when undertaking searches of our electronic and digital communications for your request, as searches for certain file types or links, including URLs and images, would not be specific enough to reduce search results and would capture all of those file types, including images in email signature blocks and any website links, sent and received over the two year period. Discussions were undertaken, as part of our decision making process, including with the Office of the Governor and our Content and Channels team, and no information was found to be in scope of your request.

You may also wish to know that the RBNZ Governor has no social media accounts, including Twitter. The RBNZ has an official Twitter account, which is monitored by our Communications and Stakeholder Engagement directorate.

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You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman for parts two and four of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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