



## Office of Hon Gerry Brownlee

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Dear Mr Grainger

**Official Information Request for Information Relating to Reports or Information received as Leader of the House and information around the usage of private email addresses.**

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 15 May which asked "*..reports or information by title and date has the Minister received as Leader of the House from the beginning of 2012.*" And "*...a) the email address of this email account b) the last 5 emails sent on Ministerial business from a private email account, and c) the last 5 emails sent on Ministerial business sent from this email account.*"

I am declining the first part of your request under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act which protects the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials. The reasons for this are well traversed in Volume 7, Issue 4 of the ombudsman's quarterly report which is available on the ombudsman's website.

In answer to the second part of your request, I am declining question a) under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act which protects the privacy of natural persons.

In answer to questions b) and c) I am declining your request under section 18(e) that the request information does not exist.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint to the ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Hon Gerry Brownlee