

Office of the Prime Minister

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Tēnā koe James

Official Information Act request relating deferral of container return scheme

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 15 June 2023.

On 15 June 2023, Minister Parker's office transferred the following part of your request to the Prime Minister:


"All communications including but not limited to, all texts, emails and records of phone calls relating to and detailing your "offering up" of the Container Return Scheme for reprioritisation, inclusive of the dates that you offered up the scheme for reprioritisation."

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in responding to this part of your request due to an administrative error.

I can confirm that the deferral of the Container Return Scheme was proposed in the context of the former Prime Minister asking all Ministers to go away over summer and reconsider their policy priorities. Staff in this office engaged in verbal discussions with Minister Parker's Office in February 2023, at which point it was confirmed that Minister Parker agreed to the deferral of the scheme, which was later confirmed by Cabinet on 13 March 2023.

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