



**Te Tari Taiwhenua
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Dear Ben

Official Information Act request (OIA 2324-0375)

Thank you for your request for information dated 29 November 2023 made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department). You requested the following information:

I am writing to request information about the website beehive.govt.nz. As it is currently down, I cannot see who is responsible for it. If it is not a DIA responsibility, I would appreciate it if you could transfer the request to the appropriate authority.

I am curious about the transition between administrations, and the changes that are made to the website.

What is the process that is followed when changing the beehive.govt.nz website to reflect a new government. In particular:

- 1. When does consultation on the website start with the incoming government?*
- 2. Who (position/role is fine) is consulted?*
- 3. Who (position/role is fine) is responsible for decisions?*
- 4. What steps are taken to maintain information from the website as it was under the previous government?*
- 5. In relation to the 2008 (if readily accessible), 2017 and 2023 transitions:*
 - a. How long was the website down for?*
 - b. How much did the transition cost?*

Due to the consultation that is required it is not possible for the Department to respond to this information request within the 20 working day statutory time frame set out in the Act.

We will extend our response timeframe by 15 working days to 9 February 2024 under the following section of the Act:

- Section 15A(1)(b) consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

If you have any concerns with the information in this response, you have a right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. Information on how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

We will endeavour to provide a response to your request sooner than the updated timeframe, if practicable.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Briget Ridden', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Briget Ridden
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