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Adam

By email: [fyi-request-25304-2989b0a7@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-25304-2989b0a7@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Adam,

I am responding to your email of 26 January 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *all correspondence between government ministers and Cameron Slater (formerly of Whale Oil blog and subject of the "Dirty Politics book).*
- *any information with regards to any meetings between Mr Slater and any government ministers or other officials.*

I have refused your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to seek a review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email [info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'BvV'.

Hon Brooke van Velden  
**Minister of Internal Affairs**