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Dear John

Official Information Act 1982 request – information on Education New Zealand initial meeting with new Minister and copy of Briefing to Incoming Minister (BIM)

I refer to your official information act request (OIA), received by Education New Zealand (ENZ) on 9 January 2024;

Dear Education NZ,

- *I would like to request the following information:*
 - o *The date, time and location of your initial meeting with the new Minister for your department;*
 - o *A list of attendees at this meeting*
 - o *The cost of any flights and accommodation for staff who reside outside of wellington to attend this meeting*
 - o *Any documentation provided at the meeting*
 - o *All notes (including handwritten notes) taken at the meeting by department staff;*
 - o *A copy of any emails sent by department attendees or all staff communications regarding the meeting with the new Minister.*
 - o *your initial briefing document sent to the new Minister.*

As of 9 January 2024, ENZ has not yet had a meeting with the Minister with responsibility for Education New Zealand.

As such we are refusing the first part of your request (relating to the 'initial meeting with the new Minister for your department') under section 18(e) of the OIA as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

A copy of our Briefing to the Incoming Minister was sent to both Hon Minister Simmonds, Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills and Hon Minister Stanford, Minister of Education.

This document is due to be publicly released soon. As such, this part of your request is declined under section 18(d) of the OIA, that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

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Yours sincerely

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