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Dear Judith,

Thank you for your email of 2 February 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"Would you please detail any contacts you have made, advice given and commitments given to the tobacco industry, plus any financial remuneration given to you or close family member regarding the sale of tobacco."*

The OIA applies to information held by a Minister of the Crown in their official capacity only. Official information does not include information which is held by a Minister in their private capacity, as an MP (electorate information) or as a member of a political party (caucus information). However, such information may become official information if it is subsequently used for official Ministerial purposes.

Therefore, the information you have requested is not 'official information', nor do I hold the information you requested in my official capacity. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA, because no 'official information' is held by me in my Ministerial capacity.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of our response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

**Hon Chris Bishop**

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