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Dear Anna

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your interest email of 25 June 2024 requesting the following information:

1. *All correspondence between Hon Louise Upston and Hon Penny Simmonds regarding Flexible Funding*
2. *2) All correspondence between Hon Louise Upston's staff and Hon Penny Simmonds' staff regarding Flexible Funding.*

For avoidance of doubt, correspondence includes emails, text messages, call logs, whats app messages, signal messages, facebook messages, notes, memos, aide-memoires, briefings, meeting minutes, and so forth.

Similarly, 'staff' refers to both Ministerial staff and seconded Private Secretaries.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982. Please find my decision on your request set out below.

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this document does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with me, including this decision, please feel free to contact my office: L.Upston@ministers.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Louise Upston', written over a blue circular stamp.

Hon Louise Upston
Minister of Disability Issues