

# Hon Simeon Brown

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OIA24-299

John Luke  
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Dear John,

I refer to your email dated 10 May 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *all correspondence with Stefan Sunde (Sunde is a member of the National party board of directors) all correspondence mentioning Stefan Sunde or "Stefan"*
- *Plus, all correspondence about EY (Ernst & Young or Ernst and Young) including:*
  - *any mention of their 'scandal'*
    - *'secret drinking club'*
    - *'PR nightmare'*
    - *'sexual harassment'*
- *The above mentioned terms are related to recent articles on EY and their 'probe' into misconduct. The probe investigated numerous staff members, with resignations as a result.*
- *Sunde has worked at EY for four years, covering the period being investigated.*
- *He leaves EY in July, with no job other job to step into, and has requested people contact him with help for a new role. Please refer to LinkedIn post:*  
[https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_\\_https://www.linkedin.com/posts/stefan-sunde-8a0b6420\\_ey-tax-transferpricing-activity-7206072037579132929-U5Ek?\\_;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!sNB9jigSUCqUWhEZ-9E\\_kEMh1ycm9walcVkkKQfZ0GyGh-Wq96J6GVcS2KknGC\\_FKsP2tfVwHmjGtSiCrRZGEQNMiS90BfVXeGFaSQNMvxFtC\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://www.linkedin.com/posts/stefan-sunde-8a0b6420_ey-tax-transferpricing-activity-7206072037579132929-U5Ek?_;!!Asq5-8xVch3Reg!sNB9jigSUCqUWhEZ-9E_kEMh1ycm9walcVkkKQfZ0GyGh-Wq96J6GVcS2KknGC_FKsP2tfVwHmjGtSiCrRZGEQNMiS90BfVXeGFaSQNMvxFtC$)
- *His post has no 'likes' from directors or partners, in what one can assume is an attempt to distance themselves and not be affiliated him Sunde.*

I am refusing your request under the following section of the Act:

- 18(e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found

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

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Simeon Brown