



2 December 2015

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Dear Jackson Wood

I refer to your email of 11 November 2015 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

Any and all documents, correspondence, reports, advice, or information the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment has prepared, sent, or received on, or about, Pandas since 1 January 2010.

Of specific importance would be any documents, correspondence, reports, advice or information prepared for, sent to, or received from: the Prime Minister and/or his office, or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC).

I would also like to be provided with answers to the following questions:

- 1) At any time since November 2008 has The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment been involved in the creation of any reports for the likely benefit or cost of Pandas to the New Zealand economy?*
- 2) Has The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment been consulted by any of the following about the economic benefits or costs of obtaining Pandas:
- the Prime Minister
- the Prime Minister's office or DPMC*
- 3) What possible economic implications are there for New Zealand in securing Pandas for a New Zealand zoo?*
- 4) Specifically around tourism, has the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment calculated any figures around the impacts for tourism New Zealand acquiring a Panda would have?*

No information has been identified with regard to documents, correspondence, reports, advice or information the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) has prepared, sent or received on, or about pandas since 1 January 2010. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act – “that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found”.

In regard to questions one and two of your request, MBIE has not been involved in the creation of any reports for the likely benefit of cost of pandas to the New Zealand economy, nor has MBIE been consulted by the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister’s office or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet about the economic benefits or costs of obtaining pandas.



In relation to your questions three and four, MBIE does not have the information relating to your request. Therefore questions one to four of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Act – “that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found”.

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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