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Ref: PMO 175-2016

Dear Bryce

### Official Information Act request relating to claims made in *the Civilian*

I refer to your email of 12 December 2016 headed "Official Information Act request" where you asked "Can you [the Prime Minister] please confirm the legitimacy of the claims made in an article published by *The Civilian* titled 'Bill English celebrated last night by using twice the amount of Listerine he usually does' available at <http://www.thecivilian.co.nz/bill-english-celebrated-last-night-by-using-twice-the-amount-of-listerine-he-usually-does/>."

Your request has been declined under section 18(h) on the basis "that the request is frivolous or vexatious ..."

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the Ombudsman website, by email ([info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. Further details can be found on the Ombudsman website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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