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Matthew Hooton

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Ref: PMO 027-2017

Dear Matthew Hooton

Official Information Act request relating to Superannuation policy

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 6 March 2017 which asked for: *"copies of all policy papers, submissions etc and other communications from all governmental sources (e.g. Treasury, DPMC) that led to the government's policy announcement on 6 March 2017 of a plan to progressively raise the retirement age to 67."*

The policy work for the announced changes to New Zealand superannuation is more closely related to the functions and responsibilities of the Minister of Finance. Accordingly, I am transferring your request to the Minister of Finance under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982.

The only information held by this Office within the scope of your request that would not be covered by the transfer, is some briefings provided by DPMC to the Prime Minister. These briefings are provided to the Prime Minister in confidence, in order to support him in his role as leader of the Government and chair of Cabinet. These briefings are withheld in their entirety under the following sections of the Official Information Act:

- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) as withholding the information is necessary to *"maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials."*
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) as withholding the information is necessary to *"maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty."*

No public interest in releasing the information that has been withheld has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it.

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) 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Eagleson', written in a cursive style.

 Wayne Eagleson
Chief of Staff