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Cam Slater

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Dear Mr Slater,

Transfer of Official Information Act 1982 request to the Department of Internal Affairs and office of the Prime Minister

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (Act) request of 19 April 2018 for the following information (note numbering added):

- 1. Who made the decision to outsource recruitment of the Chief Press Secretary to the Prime Minister to JacksonStone & Partners?*
- 2. What advice was received, if any, of a potential conflict of interest?*
- 3. Did the Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister highlight a potential conflict of interest? If so, to whom?*
- 4. What advice was given by Ministerial Services regarding recruitment processes for the Chief Press Secretary to the Prime Minister?*
- 5. How much has been paid to JacksonStone & Partners for recruitment advice and processes?*
- 6. Who authorised any payments to JacksonStone & Partners for recruitment advice and processes?*
- 7. Have any payment been made and how were they calculated? if they haven't been made, how will they be calculated?*
- 8. How many recruitment agencies were approached or offered a role in sourcing candidates for the role of Chief Press Secretary to the Prime Minister?*
- 9. Please provide any and all correspondence, this includes emails, memos, aide memoires, reports, job descriptions, market rate advice, between the Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister and any other person or organisation in relation to the recruitment for the role of Chief Press Secretary to the Prime Minister.*
- 10. Have JacksonStone & Partners been retained by Ministerial Services for any other recruitment since 1 October 2017, and if so for what roles?*

This letter is to inform you that, in accordance with section 14 (b)(i) of the Act, I am transferring your request as the information you have requested is not held by the Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services. For questions 1 to 8 and question 10 of your request I believe the information requested is held by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) and therefore transfer this part of your request to the Department.

For question 9 I believe the information requested is held by the office of the Prime Minister and therefore transfer this part of your request to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CH', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Hon Chris Hipkins

Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services