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Dear Mr Riddell

Official information request for information on the proactive releasing of Ministers' weekly briefings

I refer to your official information request dated 15 May 2018 for:

All information (oral and written) and including copies of any communication, memoranda, talking points or briefing notes since 27 October 2017 on the public release by Ministers of their weekly briefings from the ministries or departments they are responsible for.

Please include a list of all Ministers who are proactively releasing their weekly briefing, including the delay between the briefing and the proactive release, and where the released briefings are to be found.

Weekly reports that are in the scope of Official Information Act (OIA) requests to Ministers are treated on a case-by-case basis by Ministers in accordance with the OIA. Whether the responses are released publicly is up to the requester, except where they are requested via a public platform such as FYI.org.nz. I have not requested or received any advice on this matter since 27 October 2017.

The decision to proactively publicly release weekly reports is at the discretion of individual Ministers. I have not asked them to inform me of their intentions.

This means the information you have asked for does not exist. Your request is therefore declined under section 18(e) of the OIA.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Megan Bray at Megan Bray@parliament.govt.nz

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

Hon Clare Curran

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