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David Farrar

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Dear David Farrar

This letter concerns your Official Information Act request through fyi.org.nz, received 10 October 2018. You requested:

“Between 1 January 2018 and 31 August 2018, how many e-mails have you, in a ministerial capacity, sent or received through e-mail accounts that are not administered by The Parliamentary Service or The Department of Internal Affairs?”

While the vast majority of work relating to my portfolio is conducted on my Parliamentary and Ministerial accounts, I do have a private email account.

From time to time I receive correspondence from members of the public to my private email account because they already hold it. Correspondence I have received through my private email is generally forwarded to my Office to respond to through regular channels.

As it would require considerable time and effort to consider every email sent and received on my personal account since 1 January 2018, and whether or not they meet the criteria of official information, your request is declined under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. It is unlikely that a determinative re-scope of your request is possible, as it would be onerous to consider the premise of your request over any period.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Winston Peters', with a long, sweeping underline.

Rt Hon Winston Peters
Deputy Prime Minister