



## Prime Minister

Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage

Minister for Child Poverty Reduction

Minister for National Security & Intelligence

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Ref: PMO 291-2018

Dear David Farrar

### Official Information Act request for an extract of the Prime Minister's diary

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 10 October 2018. You requested:

*"...I would like to request a copy, as at Monday 10 September 2018, of your official diary for Friday 14 September to Sunday 16 September 2018 inclusive...."*

You specified that your request was for the Prime Minister's diary "as at Monday 10 September 2018". The Prime Minister's diary is not static and alters on a daily basis as engagements and events are postponed, re-scheduled, cancelled for various reasons, or added at short notice. Diary records at any particular time are not retained and we are only in a position to provide you with copies of the Prime Minister's diary as it is currently recorded. Accordingly, your request for the diary extracts as at 10 September 2018 is declined under section 18(e) of the Act - "that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist...."

I can confirm that the interviews raised in the media as being planned for those dates (Newshub on Saturday 15 September 2018 and TVNZ Q+A on Sunday 16 September 2018) were not ever entered into the Prime Minister's diary.

The only official information withheld from the diary extracts below is details of the Prime Minister's travel information which is withheld for security reasons under sections 6(c) and 6(d) of the Act. Although the timeframe is in the past, arrangements for security are often consistent, and the Prime Minister will often utilise similar travel arrangements, thus publication of this information would be likely to endanger the Prime Minister's personal safety and prejudice the maintenance of the law.

Information that is held by the Prime Minister in any other capacity, such as Leader of the New Zealand Labour Party, as a Member of Parliament or as a private individual including private and family commitments, is not official information and falls outside the scope of the Act. Accordingly, the diary information below only includes engagements that relate to Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern's role as a Minister of the Crown.

Copied below is all the releasable official information from the Prime Minister's diary for the relevant dates (14, 15 and 16 September 2018):

## Friday, 14 September 2018

7:34AM - 7:40AM MEDIA: MOREFM with Polly and Grant. They will call PM - PM to ask about his Boston Terriers eye operation

7:50AM - 8:00AM MEDIA: ZM with Fletch, Vaughan & Megan - They will call the PM

8:10AM - 8:20AM MEDIA: The Breeze with Steve and Kath. They will call PM.

10:00AM - 10:45AM MEDIA: SKYPE interview with Rachel Hunter *PM's office*

11:00AM - 12:00PM MEET: Departmental Briefing *PMs Boardroom*

12:30PM - 6:00PM FIRM HOLD for speech prep

1:00PM - 1:30PM MEET: Departmental Briefing *PM's Boardroom*

## Saturday, 15 September 2018

9:00AM - 6:00PM PM PREP TIME

## Sunday, 16 September 2018

10:00AM - 12:30PM PREP and Practice: Priorities Speech *Sir Paul Reeves Building, AUT, Wellesley Street, Auckland*

1:00PM - 2:00PM SPEAK: Government Priorities *Sir Paul Reeves Building, AUT, Wellesley Street, Auckland*

2:00PM - 2:30PM Hold for Media Stand Up

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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