

Hon Andrew Little

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David Farrar

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Dear David,

I am writing to you in regard to your Official Information Act 1982 ("the Act") request for:

- *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?*

Like all Ministers, I take my responsibilities for information security seriously.

I have not 'conducted business' in my Ministerial capacity on any non-Parliamentary Service or Internal Affairs administered emails systems. However, for fullness of information late on 19 August 2018 I was travelling and my mobile @parliament.govt.nz email client was non-functional and could not be restored by Parliament's IST team remotely. Consequently, two emails were sent by my office staff to me at my Andrew.little@labour.org.nz GSuite address. One email had details for the haka powhiri for the Criminal Justice Summit, while the second email was forwarding me my diary for the day of the 20th of August 2018. However, I would emphasise that I do not use my @labour.org.nz email address for conducting Ministerial work.

My @labour.org.nz email address is a Google GSuite service, which is secured to various encryption and security standards including ISO 27001, ISO 27017 and ISO 27018. For full details about GSuite security see https://gsuite.google.co.nz/intl/en_nz/security/?secure-by-design_activeEl=data-centers. For the avoidance of doubt, GSuite is not a consumer Google product, and I am advised that Google's advertising systems do not index the content of GSuite accounts.

In addition, because my Andrew.little@labour.org.nz email address was published prior to the 2017 General Election, I had received approximately 612 emails to that address since becoming a Minister at the time of your request. Most of those emails were automatically generated emails such as *Twitter for Business* newsletters. All of the emails were automatically forwarded to my Andrew.little@parliament.govt.nz address and were thereafter managed as Parliamentary or Ministerial correspondence as appropriate and in accordance with the Public Records Act, with any email replies coming from appropriate @parliament.govt.nz or @ministers.govt.nz email addresses.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman review this response under section 28(3) of the Act. You can contact the Ombudsman online via the website, by email (info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz) or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A Little', written over the printed name and titles.

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