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Dear Michael Erickson

Official Information Act request relating to interview requests for the Prime Minister via the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet while in New York attending United Nations General Assembly

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 24 September 2018. You asked:

“How many interview requests have or had there been received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for interviews with the Prime Minister whilst she is in New York for the United Nations General Assembly, and who or what organisations requested those interviews?”

While the majority of requests for interviews with the Prime Minister are directed to the Prime Minister's Office, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does from time to time receive requests which are then forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office. As you have specifically requested interview requests for whilst the Prime Minister was in New York, we have interpreted that to be Monday 24 September to Friday 28 September 2018 inclusive. To be clear, we have not included, any requests received during that time, which were for interviews at a later date.

| Item | Date received | Organisation requesting an interview |
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| 1. | 2 August 2018 | PBS TV: <i>Firing Line with Margaret Hoover</i> |
| 2. | 11 September 2018 | The New York Times's: <i>New Rules Summit: Women, Leadership and a Playbook for Change</i> |

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

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