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Ref: PMO 025-2019

Dear Matthew Hooton

Official Information Act request for advice from the Business Advisory Council on a capital gains tax

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 26 February 2019. You requested:

"...all advice you or your ministers have received from members of your Business Advisory Council, either collectively or individually, on a capital gains tax. This includes written and verbal advice...."

The Office of the Prime Minister has not identified any information within the scope of your request. Accordingly, your request for information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

We are also not aware of any correspondence from the Business Advisory Council as an organisation to other Ministers. If you would like correspondence that individual members may have sent to other Ministers it may be of interest for you to lodge a request to those Ministers.

I also note that members of Business Advisory Council, are free to make comments on the report in their personal capacity, outside their role on the Council.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

Mike Munro **Chief of Staff**