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Reference: OIA-2019/20-0410

Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to the EQC Inquiry

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request received on 11 March 2020. You requested:

1. *Copies of draft versions of the Dame Silvia Cartwright Inquiry report as they are produced.*
2. *...records of any meeting with Dame Silvia requested by any member of EQC staff, including board members along with any requests from MPs for a meeting or audience with Dame Silvia post the date of closure of submissions to EQC inquiry.*

The draft versions of the Inquiry's report are considered to be deliberations and as such, under section 32(2) of the Inquiries Act 2013, are not official information for the purposes of the Official Information Act 1982. Therefore, they will not be released. Similarly, meeting notes will also not be released as these are subject to non-publication orders issued in accordance with section 15(1)(a) of the Inquiries Act 2013.

I have interpreted your second question as including requests made by former, as well as current position holders. On that basis, after submissions formally closed, one request was made to meet with the Chair, Dame Silvia Cartwright. That meeting occurred on 19 September 2019. Further information relating to that specific meeting, and Dame Silvia's other meetings, can be found on the Inquiry website at <https://egcinquiry.govt.nz/whats-happening/latest-meetings-and-interviews/>. Accordingly, I must refuse that part of your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act, the information requested is, or soon will be, publicly available.

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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