17 November 2022

Ref: OIA-2022/23-0312

Dear

Official Information Act request about Facebook content requests

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 6 November 2022.

You have requested:

1. *Under the Official Information Act 1982, I would like to request any communications that include the URL, www.facebook.com/xtakedowns/login or "Facebook Content Requests" during the period of 01/08/2022 to 30/09/2022.*

2. *I would also like to know how many staff in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have, or have had, access to the Facebook Content Requests System where the URL root and path includes www.facebook.com/xtakedowns/login .*

I can advise that the only communications the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) holds that contain the specific URL outlined above or the words "Facebook Content Requests" between 1 August 2022 and 30 September 2022 are administrative emails relating to other official information requests, and our responses advising of our decisions on those requests. We do not consider these to be within the scope of your request.

We have also interpreted your request to refer to staff members having access or accessing the Facebook Content Request System in the course of their work.

No staff in DPMC have, or would have been required to access the Facebook Content Request System in the course of their work.

As such, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act in full, as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist.

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

This response may 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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