



6 April 2023

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Ref: OIA-2022/23-0727

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request relating to materials created by any consultants who provided advice on the Reconnecting NZ to the World policy agenda

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on 30 March 2023. You requested:

"I am hoping to receive any materials generated by non-public consultants who were commissioned to provide advice on the Reconnecting New Zealand to the World policy agenda.

Ideally the materials would be those that were generated by the external consultants.

This was the announcement of the agenda:

<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/speech/reconnecting-new-zealand-world>"

No contractors or consultants were involved in the development of the Reconnecting New Zealanders to the World strategy. Furthermore, no contractors or consultants were commissioned to provide advice on the Reconnecting New Zealand to the World policy agenda.

As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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

Yours sincerely

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