



22 June 2023



Ref: OIA-2022/23-1003

Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to a 'Media Control Committee'

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 12 June 2023. You requested:

Please provide under the OIA: 1) copies of all agenda's, minutes of meetings, reports and any other communications between any representation of the Prime Minister or DPMC and or the Minister of Covid response or Covid response team, and the Media Control Committee which I understand includes senior representatives of newspapers, radio and TV etc from the period 1 January 2020 to present. 2) any direct or indirect reports to any Minister or Cabinet about any communications between any member of government and the Media Control Committee. 3) any information to show the membership including any representative/s on behalf of government, its purpose, chain of command etc for the Media control committee, funding and any issues it has been involved with 4) any communications from or on behalf of the PMs office with any representative of the Media Control Committee whether an employee of government, and elected representative or a member of the media""

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet is not aware of any such committee. Accordingly, your request has been refused under Section 18(e) of the Act: *that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.*

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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