



23 January 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0438

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request relating to Correspondence from, meetings with, and internal policy about lobbyists

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 13 January 2026. You requested:

1. *"I request the release of information pertaining to the existence of an internal policy regarding lobbyists. If such a policy exists, I request that it be released.*
2. *I request the release of emails from lobbyists to the Prime Minister and his office and diary entered meetings with lobbyists and the Prime Minister from the 1st of November 2025 to the 1st of January 2026.*
3. *I request the disclosure of meetings between the Chief Press Secretary and any lobbyists from the 1st of November 2025 to the 1st of January 2026.*

To avoid any confusion, by "lobbyist" I mean any person attempting to influence for a private interest. This could include a representative from Federated Farmers or Forest and Bird meeting to discuss policy, for example."

For ease of reference, I have numbered the parts of your request.

Part 1

We have interpreted this part of your request to be seeking information regarding the existence of a policy for DPMC staff concerning lobbyists and, if such a document exists, a copy of it.

DPMC does not have a policy specifically addressing lobbyists, and I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act – the information does not exist.

All DPMC staff must however meet the Standards of Integrity and Conduct, which are available on the Public Service Commission's website:

<https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/guidance/standards-of-integrity-and-conduct>.

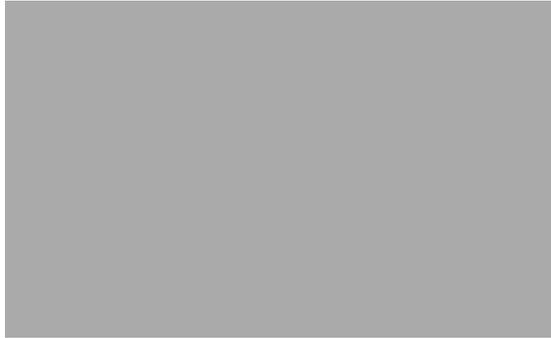
Parts 2 and 3

DPMC does not hold the requested information. Ordinarily, I would transfer these parts of your request to the Prime Minister, but I understand you have made your request directly to him and therefore refer you to the forthcoming response from his office.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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