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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to 2018 meeting about foreign influence

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 23 February 2026. You requested:

"I was curious to know if there are any records of a publicly undisclosed 2018 meeting that would have taken place at the Rāpaki marae concerning the topic of Foreign Influence by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

From what I understand, it would have been across government, likely included Anne-Marie Brady, Howard Broad and also some form of representation from Fonterra.

This would have been during the time of Jacinda Ardern's office.

I would be interested in any diary entries, ministerial briefings and general correspondence about the event that can be disclosed."

We have not identified any records held by DPMC relating to the 2018 meeting about foreign influence as described in your request above. This includes no record of any DPMC officials attending the meeting.

In addition, when considering whether your request should be transferred to another agency, we found no records that would indicate that any other government agency was involved or attended the meeting. Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by DPMC and there are no grounds for believing it is held by or more closely connected to another agency or Minister of the Crown.

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

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Nāku noa, nā

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