



13 April 2026

Ref: OIA-2025/26-0621

Tēnā koe

### Official Information Act request: Funding information and correspondence with Zero Invasive Predators

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was partially transferred to by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 27 March 2026. You requested:

*"[...] the formal and informal correspondence between the Prime Minister, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (e.g., staff, aids) and Al Bramley of Zero Invasive Predators (ZIP) within the time frame of January 2023 - present. Specifically, I am requesting to receive information and correspondence on the following topics:*

- 1. The nature of funding and project requests coming from ZIP to the Prime Minister and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (e.g., formal and informal correspondence showing funding communication processes, asks for funding, confirmation of funding).*
- 2. The total amount of funding ZIP has received from the Prime Minister or Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in the specified time frame, including funding that would extend beyond present day (e.g., ending in 2029).*
- 3. The total number of contracts held by the Prime Minister or Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in the specified time frame.*
- 4. Text on the deliverables that correspond to the funding ZIP has received from the Prime Minister or Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (What is the money being used for).*
- 5. Information on total contract lengths and/or funding lengths for the specified time frame.*
- 6. Information the areas of New Zealand that ZIP is using the funding to work within.*
- 7. Email correspondence and any other correspondence that was involved in the process of deciding and awarding said funding to ZIP including, but not limited to, correspondence from the Prime Minister or Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet."*

We have undertaken searches of our information management systems for relevant communications or documents for the period 1 January 2023 to 27 March 2026 (inclusive). No relevant information has been identified and, as such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the requested information 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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Cassidy".

Alan Cassidy  
Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate

Proactively Released