

22 March 2024



Labour Leader's Office

Ref: DOIA-2324-0706

Tēnā koe

Your Official Information Act request: Lobbying groups

Thank you for your email of 8 March 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Specifically:

...since the current Government was sworn in:

- 1) Any briefings provided to a Minister or Ministers to support conversations the Minister(s) has had with representatives of lobbying groups?*
- 2) If briefings have been provided, please also provide any related correspondence between or within agencies/departments/ministries and/or with the Minister or their staff.*
- 3) A copy of any correspondence the Minister's Office forwarded to the Department from representatives of lobbying groups.*

In response to your request, the Ministry have not provided any briefings to the Minister for Ethnic Communities regarding lobbying groups or their representatives. The Ministry have not received correspondence from the Minister's Office from lobbying groups or their representatives. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act on the grounds that the information sought does not exist.

Under section 28 of the OIA, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Edward Firth'.

Edward Firth
Director of Ministerial Services