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Ministry for
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Te Tari Mātāwaka

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Labour Leader's Office
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Ref: OIA 2425-0082

Tēnā koe ██████████

Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 22 July 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...I request copies of all communication, including text messages, emails, and all other forms of electronic communication between the tiers one, two, and three staff about the baseline savings exercise in Budget 2024...

On 24 July 2024, we sent you an email asking you to refine your request and advised you that your request as it was framed would be very difficult to meet without substantial collation or research.

On 25 July 2024, you responded with the following:

...I am happy to refine this OIA. Would limiting it to tiers one and two, and that attachments to emails are excluded, on the understanding that the emails will include enough information to understand what the attachments are about and if the attachments are drafts that possibly be withheld anyways...

On 29 July 2024, we attempted to further clarify your request and advised you that your refined request would still be very challenging to meet without substantial collation or research. As we have not received a response from you, the Ministry has decided to refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. However, should you wish to refine your request, you are more than welcome to submit a new request for information under the Act.

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