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31 July 2023



Tēnā koe 

I refer to your email dated 30 June 2023 in which you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *The number of media requests that the Chief Executive (or equivalent position) of your organisation has received, each year for the past six years, and the number of media request accepted, each year for the past six years.*
- *The number of media requests that members of the Executive team (or Board, only in instances where an Executive team does not exist) of your organisation have received, each year for the past six years, and the number of media request accepted, each year for the past six years.*

We have interpreted 'media requests' as 'interview requests' for the Chief Executive (CE) and Senior Leadership Team (SLT) members.

We have reviewed our internal media records for the period 30 June 2017 to 30 June 2023 and have found:

- Two requests for an interview with our CE or a member of our SLT (2018, 2019)
- two instances where an interview with our CE or a member of our SLT was provided (both in 2018).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, fluid strokes that form a cursive-like shape.

Matthew Winthrop
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