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Dear Mr Thompson

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2020 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"Thank you for the response to my OIA Request but you have not addressed the information that I requested. You advised that "No decision on the proposal had been made" and therefore the information I requested did not exist. I did not ask for information relating to whether a decision had been made, I requested the documentation that related to the decision for Cabinet to consider in relation to a formal inquiry as referred to in Cabinet Minute Item 5. This is likely to have included some discussion and a recommendation to Cabinet. I believe that you have two options then:

- 1. To provide the documentation as presented back to Cabinet in the New Year relating to a decision re a formal inquiry (whether or not they made any decision); or*
- 2. To advise that no information or recommendation was presented to Cabinet as per Item 5 and therefore the documentation does not exist (for that reason).*

Can you please review your response and advise in accordance with either 1. or 2. as above."

One briefing held by DPMC within the scope of this request was written by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), and was accordingly transferred to us for decision making and response. We are releasing the briefing *Whakaari/White Island – reviewing policy settings* to you.

Where information in this briefing has been withheld, the appropriate grounds in the Act have been listed. Further information on MBIE's work in relation to the cross-government response to the 2019 Whakaari White Island eruption will be available on our website in the coming weeks.

I trust you find the information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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