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Ref: PMO 2021-060

Dear Anthony Jordan

Official Information Act request relating to changes to ACC

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 4 March 2021. You requested:

"Upon taking office for the second term, during an interview on the Breakfast programme, there was a question asked about what changes Labour would be making to the ACC.

The reply from yourself went to the effect of:

"We acknowledge there are things that need changing and attention but those changes won't be happening this term"

- 1/ Please elaborate on what specific changes you were thinking of during that interview.*
- 2/ Please disclose what changes and attention is required to be made to the ACC*
- 3/ What process have you used to identify the changes you acknowledged, arent required hastily."*

On 9 March 2021 we wrote to you to clarify the specific interview you were referring to in your request as no record of this interview could be identified by staff in our office. On 20 March 2021, you responded noting that you could not recall the specific date of the interview and asked:

"would the prime minister like to disclose information in general why her office is not tending to any change's Labour deem necessary to the ACC".

In considering the information requested, I would note that only information that is held by a Minister of the Crown, public service agency, or organisation, is deemed to be official information as defined in section 2 of the Act. Information held in any other capacity, for example in a personal capacity, or as a Member of the New Zealand Labour Party, is not official information and falls outside the scope of the Act.

In this instance, we have been unable to locate any specific documents relating to the referenced interview and without this further detail, I believe the request lacks due particularity as required by section 12(2) of the Act.

However, I understand your request is focused on clarifying the Government's intentions for ACC this term. Therefore, I have decided to pass your request to the Minister for ACC, Hon Carmel Sepuloni, for consideration as correspondence, rather than as a request for official information.

Should you wish to make a further request that relates to official information held by this office, which we are able to identify, we would be happy to consider your request.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff