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Dear Ray

Official Information Act request for written complaints to the Prime Minister's office as well as their staff details

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), received on 12 August 2022. Your request was:

- "I) Are there any written complaints received by your office on December 18th 2021 from any MP or their office? If yes, please receive all communications associated with it.
- II) Total number of complaints received in December 2021
- III) What is the total number of staff at the PMO currently and what are their designations and job descriptions ?(don't need names or private information)
- IV) Who hires the staff at the PMO? Is there a hiring committee or does the Hon PM does chooses her own staff?
- V) Who was the Chief of Staff at the PMO in Dec 2021 and who is the current Chief of Staff?"

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not hold information relating to your request. I believe the information on complaints requested in your first two questions is held by the Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern. Staff information relating to the Prime Minister's office, requested in your third, fourth and fifth questions is held by the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department).

Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(i) of the Act to transfer questions one and two to the Prime Minister and questions three, four and five to the Department.

The Prime Minister and the Department have the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

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