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Dear Liam Hehir

**Official Information Act request for details about a report written for the  
Business Advisory Council**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 8 March 2023.

You have requested:

*"I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982.*

*I understand that the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet was responsible for overseeing the activities of the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council while Christopher Luxon was the chairperson of that body.*

*The prime minister has recently said "I'm aware the chair of the Prime Minister's Business Advisory Council spent money employing consultants to write the one substantive report the council managed to come up with," I would like to request the following information:*

*First, please confirm which report was written by consultants.*

*Second, please disclose which consultancy firm was used to write the report.*

*Third, please disclose how much the consultancy firm was paid to write the report.*

*If the Department does not have this information, please disclose the basis of the Prime Minister's statements regarding the claimed report and its authorship."*

I believe that the information you have requested is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). Accordingly, I have decided to transfer your request in full to MBIE under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act.

MBIE has the usual timeframes under the Act from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Amy Teague  
**Manager Ministerial Services**