

# Hon Simon Watts

Minister of Climate Change  
Minister of Revenue



26 February 2024

Adam

By email: [fyi-request-25304-2989b0a7@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-25304-2989b0a7@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Adam,

Thank you for your email on 26 January in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. Please provide all correspondence between government ministers and Cameron Slater (formerly of Whale Oil blog and subject of the "Dirty Politics book).
2. Please provide any information with regards to any meetings between Mr Slater and any government ministers.

This request was transferred to me by the Department of Internal Affairs.

As Minister, I have not had any correspondence with Mr. Slater and have not met with Mr. Slater. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act, because the requested information does not exist.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Simon Watts', written over a blue horizontal line.

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