



**Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs**

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Tēnā koe Erika

Your Official Information Act 1982 request reference OIA 2324-0648

I am responding to your email of 24 February 2024 to Te Tari Taiwhenua | the Department of Internal Affairs requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please provide any and all communications, internal and external where Internal Affairs has discussed or acted in using the Facebook takedown portal to refer activity by me on Facebook, with my account under my name, Erika Whittome.

Kindly share the settings on the takedown portal for my account, such as shadow banning, any ‘misinformation’ or sets of keywords used on my posts to detect ‘moderation alerts’ or similar ‘community standard’ alerts etc.”

Te Tari Taiwhenua has no record of any reporting or referrals about your account, or associated posts to Meta or any other platform. Because of this, there are no settings or keywords.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek a review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Jeremy Cauchi
Director Ministerial, Monitoring, and Capability