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Ref: PMO 073-2018

Dear Matthew Hooton

Official Information Act request relating to Budget: communications strategy

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 11 April 2018. You requested:

"On Monday you revealed a communications strategy as described in this RNZ report: <https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/political/354617/pm-hints-of-further-public-underfunding-revelations>.

Under the OIA could I please have a copy of this communications strategy. If no document exists, a summary of the drip-feeding process (as described by RNZ) would be appreciated - that is, what information will be released, when, by who and to whom?"

No such strategy document exists. Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act on the basis that *"the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist"*. As the Prime Minister has signalled, she wants to build more transparency around things the Government has uncovered which weren't expected. Ministers will make further information available to give more context to the public in the lead up to Budget day as appropriate.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Munro'.

Mike Munro
Chief of Staff