



CABINET OFFICE

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Joshua Grainger

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Dear Mr Grainger

Information request – titles of Cabinet papers

Our reference: CAB 30-13

- 1 On 10 June 2013 this office received from you a request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) for the following:

“the titles of each paper, and the Minister responsible for that paper, that was presented for consideration to the last meetings of Cabinet and each Cabinet Committee.

“In the event that this is seen as too sensitive to disclose, I would like to instead request the same information for the first Cabinet/Cabinet Committee meetings of 2009. This is because the Ombudsman has adopted a view that the strength of the withholding provisions of the OIA weaken over time.”

- 2 Your request is cast in the alternative, and requires a decision to be made as to whether the titles requested under the first limb are “too sensitive to disclose”. As you will be aware, “sensitivity” is not a reason for withholding information under the OIA. Further, it is not clear how you wish your request to be handled should there be grounds to withhold some titles but not others.
- 3 I do not consider that you have specified the information requested with due particularity for the purposes of section 12(2) of the OIA, and accordingly am not in a position to consider your request. Should you wish to resubmit it, I would ask that you specify whether it is for the first alternative, the second alternative, or both.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rebecca Kitteridge'.

Rebecca Kitteridge
Secretary of the Cabinet