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Tēnā koe Victoria Muninn

On 2 October 2021, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Please provide all communications with the Wellington and London offices of the Behavioural Insights Team since the 2017 general election. Please also include any and all strategy documents, discussion papers, and meeting notes from the beginning of that period up until the present.*

On 12 October 2021, the Ministry contacted you advising that your request was too broad in scope and as it stood, it would be refused under section 18(f) of the Act. On 21 October 2021, the Ministry followed up on the refinement. To date the Ministry has not received a response.

Therefore, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act as substantial manual collation would be required to provide you with the information.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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