

# Hon Dr David Clark

MP for Dunedin

Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
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Minister of Statistics  
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REF: OIA DC-72-2022

Dear Mr Peterson

**Official Information Act request: All times “Whangārei” is mentioned in Cabinet papers from date beginning 26 October 2017**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, transferred in part to me from the Cabinet Office on 24 August 2022. You requested:

*“All documents and Cabinet papers mentioning Whangārei in relation to infrastructure and health funding decisions from the date beginning October 2017.”*

My office only holds records of Cabinet papers from 6 November 2020 in my capacity as Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications, Minister for State Owned Enterprises, Minister of Statistics and Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission. Any information in scope of your request in the time period of 26 October 2017 to 5 November 2020 in my capacity as Minister of Health and Associate Minister of Finance is more likely to be held by the Ministry of Health and the Treasury.

With respect to any information in scope of your request from 6 November 2020, I have decided to refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information does not exist. If I believe the information is more closely held by another Minister or agency, I am obliged to transfer the request. However, I understand your request has already been transferred to the Ministry of Health and the Treasury by the Cabinet Office.

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 'David Clark'.

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