

# Hon Penny Simmonds

Minister for Disability Issues  
Minister for the Environment  
Minister for Tertiary Education and Skills  
Associate Minister for Social Development and Employment



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Adam

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Dear Adam

Thank you for your email of 26 January 2024, requesting all correspondence and information received by Minister Simmonds from Cameron Slater.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You have asked for:

*Please provide all correspondence between government ministers and Cameron Slater (formerly of Whale Oil blog and subject of the "Dirty Politics" book). I require any and all messages that can be requested under the OIA. Also please provide any information with regards to any meetings between Mr Slater and any government ministers or other officials subject to the OIA.*

Nothing has been received by Minister Simmonds or members of her office from Cameron Slater. Therefore, your request is refused in accordance with section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. More information can be found on their website at:

[www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Simmonds'.

Hon. Penny Simmonds  
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