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Ref: PMO 2022-128

Tēnā koe Erika

Official Information Act request for email correspondence between the Prime Minister and COVID-19 academics

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, transferred to the Office of the Prime Minister on 12 April 2022.

You requested:

"(...)all emails from and to the following individuals on all work domain emails such as Auckland University, IMAC, WHO, CDC or any domain named email which is used for working purpose no matter the role or title or function performed by the same name.

This request is for all emails between the Prime Minister and all her Cabinet staff to the following academic individuals:

Email Accounts

*Nikki Turner
Souxsie Wiles
Michael Baker
Nick Wilson
Shaun Hendy
Kate Hannah
Helen Petousis-Harris*

The date range is from 1 Jan 2020 until 28th Mar 2022 (today when this request is logged)"

On 14 April 2022, this office contacted you to refine the scope of your request as your request as it was currently framed would likely be refused. This was due to the substantial amount of work that would be required to identify and collate email correspondence between the Prime Minister and seven other individuals within the requested timeframe, a period of more than two years.

As you have not provided a refinement of your request, your request is therefore refused under section 18(f) of the Act, that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and/or research.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Raj Nahna', written in a cursive style.

Raj Nahna
Chief of Staff