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Tēnā koe Will

Your Official Information Act 1982 request, reference OIA 21/22-0865

Thank you for your email of 27 June 2022 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

“...any reports or documents (including aides-memoires, memos, and emails) sent to Ministers and their offices (including to Private Secretaries in the past 5 years regarding the Charities Act, particularly information regarding the provision for advancement of religion, and/or its application to organisations like Sanitarium and other businesses owned by religious organisations.”

Your request, as it is currently framed, cannot be fulfilled by the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) without conducting substantial research that will take a considerable amount of time to complete.

You may wish to narrow the time period of your request and/or consider the document type you are requesting.

If you are unable to amend the request, the Department may be required to refuse it under section 18(f) of the Act. This section applies where the information cannot be made available without substantial research.

Please let the Department know before 8 July 2022 whether you are prepared to amend or clarify your request and, if so, how you wish to do so. To clarify this request, please contact minadviceteam@dia.govt.nz.

Please note, under section 15(1AA) of the Act, if you amend or clarify your request, this will be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response.

Nāku noa, nā

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