



CABINET OFFICE

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Tēnā koe Harry 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 received on 2 July 2022. You requested:

*"I am requesting, pursuant to the statute created under the Official Information Act 1982, a record of times 'Whangārei', or 'Whangarei', has been mentioned in Cabinet papers from the date beginning 26 October 2017 to present.*

*I am also requesting copies of documentation/discussion on the topic of 'Whangārei/Whangarei', from said Cabinet minutes, presentations, documents, or other materials."*

On 14 July 2022, the Cabinet Office contacted you to request refinement of your request, due to the broad scope of your original request. You agreed to refine your request to:

*"Only the mention of Whangārei pertaining to funding decisions within Cabinet".*

On 25 July 2022, the Cabinet Office contacted you for a second time to request further refinement of your request, as there was still a substantial amount of material potentially within scope of your clarified request. You agreed to further refine your request to include:

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

On 27 July, I decided to extend the time limits for deciding on your request by an additional 20 working days under section 15A of the OIA.

Although the Cabinet Office holds Cabinet records, we are unable to make decisions on the release of information to the public as we are not subject-matter experts. Accordingly, we have arranged to transfer your request to the relevant Ministers and government departments under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act as set out in the tables below.

| <b>Ministers</b>          |
|---------------------------|
| Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern     |
| Hon Grant Robertson       |
| Hon Kelvin Davis          |
| Hon Dr Megan Woods        |
| Hon Chris Hipkins         |
| Hon Andrew Little         |
| Hon David Parker          |
| Hon Nanaia Mahuta         |
| Hon Damien O'Connor       |
| Hon Stuart Nash           |
| Hon Willie Jackson        |
| Hon Michael Wood          |
| Hon Kiri Allan            |
| Hon Dr David Clark        |
| Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall     |
| Hon Priyanca Radakrishnan |
| Hon James Shaw            |

| <b>Agencies</b>                                 |
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| Department of Conservation                      |
| Department of Corrections                       |
| Inland Revenue Department                       |
| Department of Internal Affairs                  |
| Land Information New Zealand                    |
| Ministry of Education                           |
| Ministry for the Environment                    |
| Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment |
| Ministry for Ethnic Communities                 |
| Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade           |
| Ministry of Health                              |
| Ministry of Housing and Urban Development       |
| Ministry of Justice                             |
| Ministry for Pacific Peoples                    |
| Ministry for Primary Industries                 |
| Ministry of Social Development                  |
| Ministry of Transport                           |
| Ministry of Defence                             |
| New Zealand Customs                             |
| New Zealand Police                              |
| Ministry of Disabled People                     |
| Oranga Tamariki                                 |
| Public Service Commission                       |
| Te Puni Kōkiri                                  |
| Te Arawhiti                                     |
| Treasury  |

The relevant government agencies and Ministers have 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rg Hayward'.

Rachel Hayward  
**Acting Secretary of Cabinet**