



Minister for Economic and Regional Development
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Ref: MOIA 22-051

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Harry Peterson
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Dear Harry,

I refer to your correspondence of 25 July 2022 to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

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

On 24 August 2022, DPMC transferred this request to my office for partial response, where this relates to items within my portfolios. I am aware that other ministers and agencies have already received a transfer from the Cabinet Office of this same request, where it relates to their portfolios or functions.

The following papers were identified by DPMC as possibly meeting the requirements of your request. Following a review of this information, I have determined that these papers are not in scope of your request. However, these papers have been proactively released and you can view them via the corresponding links if you wish:

- Supporting the Tourism Sector and Communities to Recover and Reset from COVID-19 [07/04/2021] www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/14894-supporting-the-tourism-sector-and-communities-to-recover-and-reset-from-covid-19-proactiverelease-pdf
- New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS): Final Forestry Policy Decisions [08/09/2021] <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/48370-New-Emissions-Trading-Scheme-NZ-ETS-Final-Policy-decisions-for-forestry>.

The final paper which DPMC suggested may be in scope was “Agritech Industry Transformation Plan: Progressing the Horticulture Technology Catalyst [13/04/2022]”. This paper has been deemed as not in scope, as there was no mention in the paper of Whangārei in relation to infrastructure and health funding decisions.

Due to the refinements of your request and its earlier wording, I have interpreted the scope of your request for “all documents” as referring to Cabinet papers and minutes.

I can confirm that there are no Cabinet papers or minutes that would fall within the scope of your request. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Nash', written in a cursive style.

Hon Stuart Nash
Minister for Economic and Regional Development