

# Office of the Prime Minister

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Tēnā koe James

## Official Information Act request relating to the Prime Minister's visits to towns with boiling water notices in place

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 9 December 2022. You requested:

*"During the last few months you have mentioned visiting towns that had boil water notices in place on numerous occasions during media interviews. As such I am seeking the following information:*

*Since April the 1st 2022, please list all the towns that you have visited that had a boil water notice in place at the time of your visit*

*Please provide all details of your meeting with the with the water provider and associated bodies concerning the boil notice during your visit to the town(s) including but not limited to, duration of the meeting and those in attendance."*

The part of your request for a list of all the towns the Prime Minister has visited that had a "boil water" notice in place at the time of the visit is not held by this office. This office does not hold information relating to whether a "boil water" notice was in effect at the time of the Prime Minister's visit.

The Act only applies to information that is already held by this office and there is no obligation on this office to create information in order to respond to a request. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, which provides that the information requested is not held by the department and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another agency or connected more closely with the functions of another department.

Regarding the remainder of your request for details of the Prime Minister's meetings, this information is recorded in the Ministerial Diary which is proactively released monthly on the following website: [Search | Beehive.govt.nz](https://www.beehive.govt.nz/search)

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

Ngā mihi nui,

Raj Nahna  
Chief of Staff