

Hon Louise Upston

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Minister for Social Development and Employment
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LU-OIA11

Adam

By email: fyi-request-25304-2989b0a7@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Adam,

Official Information Act 1982 request reference LUOIA07

I am responding to your email of 28 December 2023 to the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department), requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- "1. Please provide all correspondence between government ministers and Cameron Slater (formerly of Whale Oil blog and subject of the "Dirty Politics" book).*
- 2. Please provide any information with regards to any meetings between Mr Slater and any government ministers."*

On 17 January 2024, you clarified with the Department that your request was for information held by current Ministers and Associate Ministers, in respect of the period that they have been in Government.

On 26 January 2024, you were advised that the Department had transferred your request to all incumbent Ministers of the Crown for response in accordance with section 14(b) of the Act.

I am interpreting your request to be correspondence or meetings between 27 November 2023, when Ministers were sworn in, and 28 December 2023, when your request was received. I can advise that, for the period in question I have had no interaction with Cameron Slater.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to seek a review of my decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.govt.nz.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Louise Upston'.

Hon Louise Upston
Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector