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Gavin Millar
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Dear Gavin Millar

Official Information Act Request for Information on the 2010 Survey on Environment Canterbury

I refer to your Official Information Act request received on 19 October 2015 for:

- "1) The total cost of undertaking this survey [2010 survey of Canterbury residents seeking views on Environment Canterbury]*
- 2) The results including all briefings that were made to Cabinet in regards to those results."*

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has consulted with the Office of the Prime Minister and understands the survey you referred to was funded out of the National Leader's Office budget. As this survey and any results or briefings is not information held in the Prime Minister's capacity as a Minister of the Crown, as it is held in the capacity of Leader of the National party, it is cannot be regarded as "official information". Therefore, the information you are seeking would not be subject to the Official Information Act and your request could not be transferred to the Office of the Prime Minister for response as the information is not "official information". Accordingly, your request is declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act - *"that the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either –*

- (i) Held by another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or a local authority; or*
- (ii) Connected more closely with the functions of another Department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority."*

You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Anne Shaw
Director – Office of the Chief Executive