


15 April 2024

File Ref: OIA 48473



Tēnā koe 

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your information request dated 12 April 2024. You asked for the following information:

"I refer to a Cabinet Office circular dated 25 March 2024, intended for all private secretaries, a copy of which can be found here: <https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2024-03/co-24-2-national-act-new-zealand-first-coalition-govt-consultation-operating-arrangements.pdf>.

Paragraph 38 of the circular advises agencies the following: "Agencies may, on occasion, be asked by their Minister to meet representatives of other parliamentary parties without the Minister present. On such occasions, all those at the meeting should clearly understand that officials are able to provide only a briefing on the issues. As a matter of practice, agencies are advised to keep a record of the substance of any such meeting and consider providing that record to all those who attended the meeting as well as to the Minister. It is also expected that a representative of the relevant portfolio Minister's office or the Prime Minister's office will attend these meetings."

I request copies of all such records under the Official Information Act."

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

We can confirm that no Te Puni Kōkiri officials have met with representatives of other parliamentary parties between 27 November 2023 to 12 April 2024. Accordingly, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

I trust my response satisfies your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that Te Puni Kōkiri publishes some of its OIA responses on its website, after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address or contact details.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact us at oja@tpk.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hugh McAslan'.

Hugh McAslan
Hautū, Kaupapa Hiranga me Mana Whakahaere | Deputy Secretary, Critical Projects & Governance