

Reference: 20220454

7 November 2022



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 21 October 2022. You requested:

Can you please forward any communications between 1 September 2022 and 19 October 2022:

- 1) Between your chief executive or other executive manager and your communications/media staff regarding how media queries are dealt with.*
- 2) From the office of your relevant minister regarding how media queries are dealt with.*

Please note this is a request for the entirety of any communications captured, not just any parts deemed "in scope". If there have been oral discussions that have not been documented, please briefly summarise what was said, and by whom.

Treasury has interpreted your request to be for general advice on the process for dealing with media requests and not for advice relating to specific media requests received between 1 September 2022 and 19 October 2022.

No information held

Regarding your request for any communications between 1 September 2022 and 19 October 2022 "between your chief executive or other executive manager and your communications / media staff regarding how media queries are dealt with" –Treasury have searched their records and have found nothing in scope of the request – accordingly I have refused the request for this information under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act – *the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.*

Regarding the request for communications between 1 September 2022 and 19 October 2022 "from the office of your relevant minister regarding how media queries are dealt with" - Treasury has searched their records and have found nothing in scope of the request – accordingly I have refused the request for this information under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act – *the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.*

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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