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Dear

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 12 December 2022. You requested:

Does the Treasury have, or previously had, access to Facebook's takedown portal? If so, I'd like to request a list of all posts (if any) on which a takedown request has been placed, alongside any guidelines and policies held around takedown requests.

If no portal is used but Facebook posts are "reported" nonetheless, I'd please like to request a list of such reported posts and any relevant policies and guidelines.

If such a list is not held the best indication available as to the amount and type of content requested to be taken down/reported will suffice.

The Treasury does not have, or previously had, access to Facebook's takedown portal. If there was something inaccurate or objectionable, the Treasury would contact Facebook and ask for the offending content to be removed, however, to date, this has not occurred. As such, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act, as the information you have requested does not exist.

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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