



Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2023-0293

I refer to your official information request received on 5 December 2023 for:

“I write to request the Prime Minister, Mr. Christopher Luxon to provide: Details of the inter-action the Government i.e., all the coalition partners (National, ACT, New Zealand First), had with tobacco industry companies, tobacco industry representatives and tobacco industry lobbyists over the period 01 May 2022 through 31 October 2023.

Details being requested over this period to include:

- *correspondence exchanged between all parties,*
- *dates of any meetings between respective Party representatives and tobacco industry parties,*
- *minutes and notes taken that record the substance of discussion and outcomes of these meetings,*
- *the financial and in-kind contributions each Government coalition Party received from tobacco industry companies, tobacco industry representatives and tobacco industry lobbyists over the period requested.”*

Our Response

Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission does not hold any information in relation to correspondence between tobacco companies, tobacco lobbyists or tobacco industry representatives and the coalition partners (National, ACT, New Zealand First).

The Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon and other leaders were sworn in as the Ministers of the Crown on 27 November 2023 with their respective portfolios and other responsibilities they hold. You have requested information from when they were not yet Ministers of the Crown, therefore the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) does not apply.

Therefore, we are refusing your request in full under section 18(g) of the OIA on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the Commission and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz

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

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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