24 August 2026

Ministry for Ethnic Communities
Te Tari Mātāwaka

s9(2)(a) [redacted]

Our ref: OIA 2627-0150

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a) [redacted]

Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 3 August 2026 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

On 10 August 2026, the Ministry contacted you to clarify your request. You amended your request to the following:

> *All information /communications sent or received between the Ministry's executive leadership team and the Labour Leaders' Office, from 3 February 2025 to today's date.*

The Executive Leadership team within the Ministry has not sent or received any information and/or communications with the Labour Leaders' Office from 3 February 2025 to 3 August 2026. As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Under section 28 of the OIA, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

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Director of Ministerial Services

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