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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 30 June 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the Official Information Act 1982, I wish to seek the following information:

- The number of media requests that the Chief Executive (or equivalent position) of your organisation has received, each year for the past six years, and the number of media request accepted, each year for the past six years.*
- The number of media requests that members of the Executive team (or Board, only in instances where an Executive team does not exist) of your organisation have received, each year for the past six years, and the number of media request accepted, each year for the past six years.*

On 4 July 2023, you clarified that you are seeking the number of media interview requests received, and the number of requests accepted, by the chief executive and senior leadership team of Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) in the past six years.

The Ministry does not keep a record of the number of interview requests received from media outlets. Many requests are made verbally, and others are included in wider queries made by media outlets to the Ministry. On the occasion that a journalist requests an interview with Ministry staff members, the standard practice is that the Ministry's communications team will respond with a written statement that addresses the issue.

Your request is therefore refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, that the information requested is not held by the department and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Minko', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Julia Minko
Manager Ministerial Services