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Tēnā koe 

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Thank you for your request, received Wednesday, 22 August 2018, made under the Official Information Act 1982, as follows (verbatim from your email):

*I request a PDF copy of any research and briefings your agency might have on the impact of disclosing prices or wages or public pricing or public posting of wages on cartel stability, oligopolistic price coordination, oligopsony and monopsony.*

*I further request a copy of any research you might have done on the ability to make secret deals on prices or wages to undermine cartel stability, oligopoly, oligopsony and monopsony.*

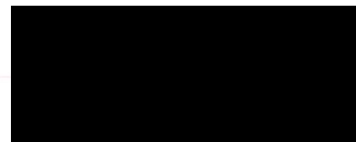
*I have written in similar terms to the Treasury, Human Rights Commission and the Commerce Commission.*

*The context of my request can be found that <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/money/104626995/beware-of-pay-transparency-it-plays-into-the-hands-of-bosses-and-men>*

The Ministry for Women is investigating pay transparency to identify how it might be implemented as part of a range of initiatives to improve pay equity in New Zealand. This work could potentially fall within scope of your request but is under development. Information on this work is being withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions and under section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the constitutional convention protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials, of the Official Information Act 1982. Once this work has been completed we intend releasing it publicly on the Ministry's website.

You have the right to seek a review of these decisions by way of complaint to the Ombudsman, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Nāku noa, nā



**Renee Graham**  
Chief Executive