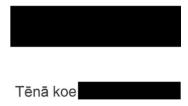


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## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of Monday 1 April 2019 for:

Any advice and/or communications about the use of "April fools jokes" by staff on official social media accounts, on April 1, 2019, between March 1 and March 31, 2019.

We have refused your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as no information exists. The Ministry did not issue any advice and/or communications about the use of "April fools jokes" by staff on official social media accounts on 1 April 2019, between 1 and 31 March 2019.

We acknowledge the importance of positive societal attitudes and behaviours online, particularly towards women. We use our social media channels to share constructive information to improve women's lives in New Zealand.

The Ministry routinely publishes, to the Ministry's website, responses given to requests made under the Official Information Act 1982. Therefore, please note that this response will be included in a future publication of Ministry Official Information Act responses. Your personal details will be redacted. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing <a href="ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz">ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz</a>, within two weeks of the date of this letter.

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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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