

13 February 2026

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## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 26 January 2026 for:

- *The total number of meetings, discussions, or briefings held by the Chief Executive (or their office) since 1 January 2024 relating to waiata and karakia groups, practices, or proposed changes to the frequency of sessions.*
- *Copies of any agendas, minutes, notes, or summaries from these meetings.*
- *Any correspondence (including emails and messages) between senior leadership and the Public Service Association (PSA) regarding groups or proposed changes to how or when they operate.*
- *Any internal communications, reports, or advice provided to or from the Chief Executive regarding participation, workplace time allocation, or cultural engagement policies.*
- *Any decisions, policies, or guidance issued about waiata group operations, including any review or proposed limitation of sessions.*

The Ministry for Women has undertaken a thorough search of its information management systems, devices and inboxes and has found no information in scope of your request. As such, we have decided to refuse your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act, as the information does not exist.

### **Official Information Act responses**

Please note that this response, with your personal details redacted, may be published on the Ministry's website. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing [ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz](mailto:ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz), 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 [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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