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Official information request regarding media queries

I refer to your official information request dated 21 October 2022 for:

Any communications between 1 September 2022 and 19 October 2022:

- 1) Between your chief executive or other executive manager and your communications/media staff regarding how media queries are dealt with.
- 2) From the office of your relevant minister regarding how media queries are dealt with.

Please note this is a request for the entirety of any communications captured, not just any parts deemed "in scope".

If there have been oral discussions that have not been documented, please briefly summarise what was said, and by whom.

We clarified with you on 25 October 2022 that your request sought communications regarding our process to deal with media queries generally, rather than how we dealt with specific media queries received during this time.

During the specified time period there was no discussion with our chief executive nor communications from the relevant minister (the Minister of Finance) regarding our process for handling media enquiries. We therefore refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act because this information does not exist.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where we consider the request to be a material one. Our response to your request will be published shortly at https://www.nzsuperfund.nz/publications/disclosures/oia/, with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

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