

25 September 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 1 September 2026. You requested the following:

I request copies of the following documents - all communications between your agency and the National Party Leaders' Office, from 3 February 2025 to today's date. - This should include, but not be limited to emails, text messages, letters, meeting invitations, WhatsApp messages. Where you choose to withhold a document, I request the name of the document and the reason it was withheld.

Information refused

Inland Revenue does not generally meet with political parties or representatives of those parties. No correspondence has been created, nor meetings held, between the National Party Leader's Office and Inland Revenue from 3 February 2025 to 1 September 2026.

Your request for information relating to any correspondence between Inland Revenue and the National Party Leader's Office is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information is not held by Inland Revenue.

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the OIA. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Publishing of OIA response

We intend to publish our response to your request on Inland Revenue's website (ird.govt.nz) as this information may be of interest to other members of the public. This letter, with your personal details removed, may be published in its entirety. Publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and is consistent with the OIA's purpose of enabling more effective participation in the making and administration of laws and policies and promoting the accountability of officials.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely



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