

14 April 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your requests received on 17 and 22 March 2023, which have been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

**17 March:** *any correspondence received from Meta/Facebook from December 1 onwards, relating to the government's legislation to support news media collective bargaining?*

**22 March:** *any correspondence received by the government from Meta/Facebook in October and November 2022 relating to the government's proposed news bargaining/digital platform legislation.*

We've interpreted correspondence to include any emails, briefings/aide memoires, letters, reports, memos etc. received by the Ministry from Meta/Facebook. We have searched our systems and emails for any correspondence in scope of your request.

Manatū Taonga officials met with Meta representatives on Thursday, 23 February 2023 to discuss the direction and progress of the government's proposed news bargaining/digital platform legislation. Minutes were not taken of the discussion.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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