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Thank you for your emails of 7 and 20 March 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Any briefings provided to a Minister or Ministers to support conversations the Minister(s) has had with representatives of [the following] lobbying groups?*
 - a. *If briefings have been provided, please also provide any related correspondence between or within agencies/departments/ministries and/or with the Minister or their staff.*
2. *A copy of any correspondence the Minister's Office forwarded to the Department from representatives of [the following] lobbying groups:*
 - *Cosgrove and Partners*
 - *Saunders Unsworth*
 - *Russel McVeagh*
 - *Awhi*
 - *Thompson Lewis*
 - *Lillis Clark*
 - *Senate SHJ*
 - *Capital Government Relations*
 - *Blackland Public Relations*
 - *Andriote Communications and Public Relations*
 - *Macintyre Public Relations*
 - *GRC Partners and Porter Novell*

We have undertaken a thorough search through multiple information systems for any meeting advice and/or ministerial correspondence relating to the listed organisations and have not identified any information in scope of your request.

The Ministry must refuse your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the documents requested do not exist or, despite best efforts, cannot be found. Please note that these information systems are based on manual entry, and therefore there may be information which was not logged as being related to these organisations and therefore was not identifiable as being in scope of your request.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to refuse this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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