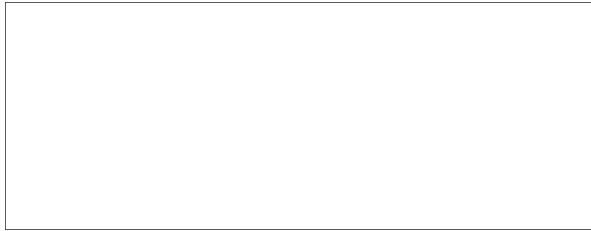




**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT**

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12 JUL 2016



Dear

On 14 June 2016 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *The dates, times, attendees and topics of briefings between the Ministry of Social Development and members of the Opposition this parliamentary term.*

The Ministry of Social Development does not centrally collate the dates, times, attendees and topics of all briefings. On 7 July 2016 you were contacted and given the opportunity to refine your request which you declined.

Your request for all information is very broad and substantial manual collation would be required to locate and prepare all documents within scope of your request. As such I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Sutherland
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