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Reference: OIA 2018/19-0425

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request relating to non-disclosure agreements signed in 2018

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 13 February 2019. You requested:

“...the number of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) the DPMC required people (including staff) to sign in 2018.”

We have interpreted “non-disclosure agreement” as being one where the parties agree not to disclose the terms of that agreement, and in particular, any remedy (money or otherwise) provided for in that agreement. By virtue of being an agreement, signing it is deemed to be voluntary and therefore, no one has been required to sign a non disclosure agreement. I can advise however, that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) entered into two mediated agreements that included non disclosure provisions during 2018.

For completeness, I note that all staff, contractors and consultants are required to sign confidentiality agreements when they commence employment or a contract with DPMC – this is usual practice due to the nature of the work and the environment in which work is undertaken.

This response will be published on DPMC’s website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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