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Reference: OIA-2019/20-0228

Dear 

**Official Information Act request for correspondence with NZ Rugby regarding Sky TV**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 21 October 2019. You requested:

*Did anyone within the Ministry of Broadcasting, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, or anyone in the Government for that matter, have any correspondence with NZ Rugby pertaining to the new 2020-2025 rights deal for All Blacks tests, Sanzaar and Mitre 10 Cup, prior to the deal being obtained by Sky TV officially on October 14?*

*And if so, what was the substance of those conversations, correspondence?*

I note that you also sent your request to the Prime Minister's Office and understand they will provide a response to you separately.

We have undertaken searches of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's (DPMC) file management system and have not identified any documents within the scope of your request. Accordingly, your request for information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

I note your request is for correspondence held by anyone in Government. DPMC's principal role is provision of advice, on a daily basis, to the Prime Minister and Cabinet on issues that confront the Government.

DPMC is only able to assess your request in relation to information that we hold and are not able to assess potentially relevant information held by other Government departments. For more information about our functions and responsibilities, you may wish to review the Directory of Official Information published by the Ministry of Justice at: <https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/oia-directory-2017-p-r.pdf>.

To obtain information held by other Government departments I would encourage you to contact them directly. If your query relates to broadcasting matters, you may wish to contact the Ministry of Culture and Heritage by emailing [oia@mch.govt.nz](mailto:oia@mch.govt.nz). For other Departments, the following resources may be helpful for determining who may hold the information you are seeking:

- The State Services Commission has published a list of Central Government Agencies at: <https://ssc.govt.nz/assets/Legacy/resources/guide-to-central-government-agencies-august17.pdf>

- The Ministry of Justice Directory of Official Information also outlines information held by different agencies. The Directory has individual entries for Government departments, Crown entities, State-owned enterprises and other organisations which, at the date of publication, are subject to the Official Information Act 1982. Where appropriate, organisations have included the names of any statutory or advisory committees that they administer: <https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/directory-of-official-information/alphabetical-list-of-entries/>.

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

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet'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.

Yours sincerely



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