



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

FOI Reference: PM/24/033

To Not Rex Patrick

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Dear Not Rex Patrick

Thank you for your email dated 18 July 2024 regarding a request to access documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the Act).

Terms of FOI request

You set out your FOI request in the following terms:

Consistent with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act, I am seeking a document to be created and provided by the Office of the Prime Minister that includes:

the number of meetings held between the Prime Minister or the Senior Adviser responsible for industrial relations in the Office of the Prime Minister and any officials of the CFMEU between 1 July 2023 and 18 July 2024.

I ask that the number be broken down by date and location of the meeting.

I ask this request be processed by the Office of the Prime Minister.

Authorised decision-maker

I am authorised to make a decision in this matter on the Prime Minister's behalf.

Material taken into account

In reaching my decision I had regard to:

- the terms of your request
- the Act
- the Guidelines issued by the Information Commissioner, under section 93A of the Act

Decision

I have decided to refuse access under section 24A(1) of the Act on the ground that reasonable steps have been taken to find the requested document and no such document has been identified. Accordingly, I am satisfied that no such document exists.

Separately, I note that you have asked that a document “be created and provided by the Office of the Prime Minister”. I note that section 17 of the Act, which you refer to in your request, applies only to agencies – not Ministers.

Review rights

If you disagree with the decision you may apply for an Information Commissioner review.

A review by the Information Commissioner can be made under section 54L of the Act. An application for Information Commissioner review must be made in writing within 60 days after the date of this letter.

More information about review rights and how to apply is available at:
www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/information-commissioner-review

Yours sincerely



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