

20 December 2023

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Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 8 December 2023, in which you requested:

- *A list of all words, terms, and phrases that the Minister or any member of their Office has directed officials to not use in briefings, letters, emails, memos, aides-memoires or any other documents, or in meetings.*
- *A list of all directions to officials regarding the length, style or make up of all briefings, letters, emails, memos, aides-memoires or any other documents.*
- *A copy of any style guide given to officials by the Minister's Office.*
- *What directions, if any, has the Minister or their Office given to officials regarding the use of the word "equity"?*
- *What directions, if any, has the Minister or their Office given to officials regarding the use of the word "fairness"?*
- *What directions, if any, has the Minister or their Office given to officials regarding the use of the word "wellbeing"?*
- *What directions, if any, has the Minister or their Office given to officials regarding the use of Te Reo?*
- *What directions, if any, has the Minister or their Office given to officials regarding the use of pronouns?*

I can advise that Social Wellbeing Agency has not been received any such guidance or direction from the Minister or her Office.

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Nāku iti noa, nā

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