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Dear 

Official Information Act request relating to definition of a cultural gift

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 21 May 2023. You requested:

Please provide your definition of a 'cultural gift'. This has not been provided in the link you sent me. A cultural gift would be from a culture or an individual representing a culture or group of people who consist of that culture. Please provide your definition of this term. There is no definition of individual gift to a prime minister, not related to a culture but to a personal individual. Cultural gift can mean a lot of different scenarios. Therefore, please define New Zealand's definition within a reasonable time frame. I believe this is the New Zealand Government's responsibility.

We are unable to provide a definition of a 'cultural gift', as previously mentioned the register of pecuniary interests contains information on gift receipts by Members of Parliament including the Prime Minister. This register is the responsibility of the Office of the Clerk, they can be contacted at clerk@parliament.govt.nz should you have any further questions.

Please be advised, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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