



**Te Tari Taiwhenua
Internal Affairs**

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Tēnā koe Bob

Official Information Act 1982 Request – OIA 2425-0259

Thank you for your request for information about Arise Church (CC30589), which was received by the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on the 16 September 2024.

You have requested the following:

- *All correspondence received, sent, or held by the Department of Internal Affairs (as the overseeing Department for Archives New Zealand and the Public Records Act 2005) in relation to Arise Church and the correspondence of former Minister(s) during the period January 2022 till the current day/Minister.*

The Department sought clarification of your request on 17 September 2024 and on 18 September 2024 you clarified your request to be for the following information –

- *Correspondence between Charities Services and the Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector (and any other Ministers of the Crown) related to Arise Church since January 2022.*

As previously advised, any clarification or amendment of a request is considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response – see section 15(1AA) of the Act. We therefore confirmed we would have our response to you no later than the updated 20th working day of 16 October 2024.

We are refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act because the requested documents do not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decisions about your request by the Ombudsman pursuant to section 28(1) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington or by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PJ Cox'.

Penelope Cox
Manager Regulatory
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