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Official Information Act Transfer Our ref: OIA 2024-0300

I refer to your official information request dated 4 October 2024 where you asked:

"In September 2024 it was announced that there will be tighter rules for WFH for public service staff.

See this article https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/528779/watch-nicola-willis-demands-tightening-of-working-from-home-public-service-arrangements

One reason you mentioned was decreased productivity.

I'd like to submit an OIA for the research this was based upon. Could you please provide more details on the research or key performance indicators (KPIs) that these concerns are based on? Specifically, I am interested in any studies, data, or metrics that highlight these pressures and have led to your decision to restrict WFH for public service staff."

We have transferred your request to the Minister for the Public Service, as the information to which your request relates is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of the Minister for the Public Service. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 to transfer your request.

You will hear further from the Minister for the Public Service concerning your request.

Yours sincerely

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