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Mr Grant Robertson
MP for Wellington Central
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Dear Mr Robertson

Request for Official Information

Thank you for your request of 8 June 2009, asking for:

"All communication (whether e-mail, telephone conversation, text message, briefing reports, or other) between your office (as Minister for ACC) and ACC's Chief Executive office in the past six months regarding redundancies in the corporate office of ACC."

There are three relevant communications that fall within the scope of your request.

1. I refer you to my answer to your Parliamentary written question 7376 of 5 June 2009. I responded by stating that I was advised in March that some redundancies were likely, as ACC was looking at all costs of its operations.
2. ACC Chief Executive's weekly report of 22 May 2009 includes reference to the proposed changes within the corporate office. The relevant excerpt from this report is given below:

Consultation on proposed changes in ACC Corporate Office

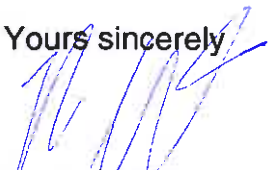
ACC is maintaining a clear focus on driving Value for Money to ensure costs are contained and scheme liabilities are well managed. As a result of a line-by-line review of all budgets earlier this year, a number of initiatives have been stopped or reduced. General Managers have reviewed their resourcing needs accordingly and identified potential organisational changes that would result in some 70 fewer Corporate Office positions, a 15% reduction.

There will be no impact on service delivery to clients or levy payers.

We will brief the PSA, and managers, on proposals to make organisational changes in a number of Corporate Office functions on Tuesday, 26 May. On Wednesday, 27 May, we will commence consultation with staff and the PSA on these changes.

3. I was verbally advised of the proposed changes at the weekly Officials' Meeting on Monday 25 May 2009 at which I was advised that staff would be advised the next day of the changes.

Yours sincerely



Hon Dr Nick Smith
Minister for ACC