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Official Information Act request 25.207

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA) request on 25 March 2026 asking for:

“Can you please share with us as soon as practicable any written communications you have issued to the RGRs on this matter and any responses to supplier questions you've provided in any forums on this topic.” and

“I am also having discussions about the prospect of a fuel surcharge being applied throughout the supply chain in a transparent way as an alternative temporary measure to manage price increases. Is this an option the Commission has considered and explored any risks with? I understand from members RGRs may be open to this. Is it something you've covered in your communications with RGRs to date?”

Regarding the first part of your request, on 25 March 2026 we published letters to Foodstuffs and Woolworths on our website. You can view those documents at the following links:

- <https://www.comcom.govt.nz/assets/Documents/grocery-updates/Letter-to-FSNI-Impact-on-grocery-prices-of-Middle-East-conflict-18-March-2026.pdf>
- <https://www.comcom.govt.nz/assets/Documents/grocery-updates/Letter-to-FSSI-Impact-on-grocery-prices-of-Middle-East-conflict-18-March-2026.pdf>
- <https://www.comcom.govt.nz/assets/Documents/grocery-updates/Letter-to-WW-Impact-on-grocery-prices-of-Middle-East-conflict-18-March-2026.pdf>

We have nothing in scope of the second part of your request so this is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA – the information requested does not exist.

We hope this response has been helpful.

If you have any questions about this response, please do not hesitate to contact us at oiacomcom.govt.nz.

If you are not happy with our response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Finally, confirming the Commission may publish this response on our website as part of our proactive release process. Any personal information will be redacted prior to publication.

Ngā mihi nui



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