

All quiet on the Cabinet Office Front

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Many readers will recall Dr Ivan Horrock's [guest post last month](#) in which he highlighted the government's plans to restrict academic freedom to comment on policy when public funding had been used to undertake research. Ivan, I and a great many others were alarmed by this proposal; it became one of the best read posts in this blog's history.

Ivan followed up on the post with a [letter to the Cabinet Office](#) seeking elaboration on the detail of its plans. I also published that letter.

To date Ivan advises me that no reply has been received.

We will keep you posted, but I think we share the feeling that you should not hold your breath.