

20 March 2025



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Our ref: OIA 2425-0874

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

#### Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 12 March 2025 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Copies of any feedback the department provided the Ministry of Justice regarding amendments to the Crime Act related to citizen's arrest powers and extending powers for security guards since November 2024 to date*

In response to your request, two documents have been found within scope and are summarized in the document schedule below. They are being released to you with certain information within one of the documents withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

As is required by section 9(1) of the OIA, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information under section 9 of the OIA are outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

Under section 28 of the OIA, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Please note, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry may publish responses to requests for official information on our website, shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team:  
Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi

  
Edward Firth  
Director of Ministerial Services

Document Schedule

No.	Date	Title	Comments
1	10/12/2024	Follow-up Agency Feedback Sought on Proposed Amendments to Arrest and Defence of Property Provisions	Released in full
2	05/02/2025	Opportunity to Amend or Add Feedback – Draft Cabinet Paper on Arrest and Defence of Property	Some information withheld under s9(2)(a)

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**From:** Marie Dreffier <[Marie.Dreffier@ethniccommunities.govt.nz](mailto:Marie.Dreffier@ethniccommunities.govt.nz)>  
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**Cc:** MEC Ministerial <[Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial@ethniccommunities.govt.nz)>; Advisory <[Advisory@ethniccommunities.govt.nz](mailto:Advisory@ethniccommunities.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up: Agency feedback sought on proposed amendments to arrest and defence of property provisions by COP Friday 29 November

Kia ora Joseph,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Cabinet paper *Amendments to arrest and defence of property provisions in the Crimes Act*.

We believe the proposed changes to the Crimes Act could benefit ethnic businesses, such as dairy owners, who are affected by crime.

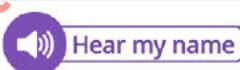
To maximise the benefits of these changes, we recommend that the Ministry of Justice ensures the changes to the Crimes Act are made accessible to ethnic businesses.

This could include translating key information about the changes into different languages.

The Ministry has developed guidance, *Unlocking Language Barriers*, to support agencies in disseminating information and communicating with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities. The guidance includes information to help agencies choose which languages they may want to make their information available in.

Ngā mihi,

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**Subject:** RE: Opportunity to amend or add feedback - draft Cabinet paper on arrests and defence of property

Kia ora Joseph. Thank you for the opportunity to have a look at the revised paper.

We have nothing to add to our previous comments.

Regards

Nic

**Nic Hill (she/her)**

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