

18 September 2024



s9(2)(a)

Our ref: OIA 2425-0233

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

Response to your Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 9 September 2024 to the Ministry for Ethnic Communities (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. What directives/instructions (verbal or written) have Ministers given your agency on how to prepare advice and policy options, since December 2023.*
- 2. When was that directive given and by which Minister?*

The Minister for Ethnic Communities, Hon Melissa Lee, has not given the Ministry any directives or instructions on how to prepare advice and policy options, since December 2023. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward Firth", is written over a red diagonal watermark that says "Proactively released by the Ministry for Ethnic Communities".

Edward Firth
Director of Ministerial Services