



Te Tari Taiwhenua Internal Affairs

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Tēnā koe Mr Stewart,

Your Official Information Act request OIA1920-0739

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of Internal Affairs (Department) on 6 May 2020.

You have requested:

- The number of OIA requests requested by the Taxpayers Union, or their affiliates ie Auckland Ratepayers Alliance, in the past 10 years*
- an approximate cost on either a per request basis or an overall basis for how much it costs to deliver those requests e.g The average cost of each OIA request is \$500, the TPU have asked for 5,000 OIA in the past 10 years.*

In response to question one of your request, I refer you to the table below setting out the annual number of requests that are recorded to have been made to the Department of Internal Affairs by a person who self-identified as an affiliate of the New Zealand Taxpayers Union.

The New Zealand Taxpayers Union was founded in October 2013. We have therefore provided data for the period from the 2013/14 financial year to the date of your request.

Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 (To 06/05/2020)
NZTU requests received	7	4	8	7	10	6	5

Caveats:

These statistics are based on information about requesters, recorded in our OIA tracking system. Requester affiliation is not primary information the Department is required to hold or report on and is not required for responding to an OIA request. Therefore, in some cases this information may not have been recorded.

In response to question two, the Department is refusing your request in accordance with section 18(g) of the Act, as the information is not held by the Department, and we have no reason to consider that it would be held by another agency or local body.


The Department operates a partially-centralised model for the management of OIA requests. Once received, OIA requests are allocated across the branches of the Department for response, based on the business functions of those branches. Responses are provided by subject matter experts

alongside their substantive roles. The number and complexity of OIA requests can vary. As such the approximate cost per request or on an overall basis is not held by the Department.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department's response, please let us know at OIA@DIA.govt.nz

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cathrine Austin', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Cathrine Austin
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