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Our ref: OIA 88395

Dear Mr Goulder-Horobin

**Official Information Act request: Definition of coercion**

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2021 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

1. *What is the legal definition of "Coercion" that you and/or the courts use under New Zealand Law?*
2. *What is the legal definition of "Duress" that you and/or the courts use under New Zealand Law?*

I must refuse both parts of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds for believing it is held by another agency or Minister.

As the information you are requesting is legal advice, you may want to visit the Parliamentary Counsel Office website: [www.legislation.govt.nz/](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/). The website has guidelines on interpreting legislation and you can also undertake a keyword search of coercion and duress.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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