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Tēnā koe Daniel

On 23 November 2021, you emailed my office requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *A list of the Youth MPs and the electorates they represented in the 1st Youth Parliament of 1994. I have been unable to find such information on related websites.*

Youth Parliament is an opportunity for young New Zealanders to learn first-hand about New Zealand's democracy and to influence decision making. Youth Parliament replicates the real Parliament as close as possible.

Youth Parliament has been held regularly since 1994 when it was first held to mark the 20th anniversary of the lowering of the voting age to 18 years. This was during the 44th New Zealand Parliament which consisted of ninety-nine representatives.

The inaugural Youth Parliament was a short event that involved young people coming to Parliament for an education day. Due to the success of the event, Cabinet invited the Minister of Youth Affairs to hold a Youth Parliament every three years from 1997.

For further information about the 2022 Youth Parliament, please visit the Ministry of Youth Development - Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi website: www.myd.govt.nz/young-people/youth-parliament/index.html

Please find the following documents identified as in scope of your request attached to this response:

- List of 1994 electorate seats
- 1994 Youth Parliament attendees list

You will note that the addresses of the individuals are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

A small amount of information has also deemed to be 'outside of scope' of the request, as this information was administrative in nature.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Youth Parliament, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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