

# Hon Michael Wood

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Minister of Transport  
Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety



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P Taylor  
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Dear P Taylor,

Thank you for your Official Information request of 13 March for:

*"I would like to request all information accessible by the office, or offices, of you, Mr Michael Wood, that lead you to draw those conclusions about the character of the protestors. Such examples of the characterizations you made include: "a river of filth", "a river of anti-Semitism", "a river of islamophobia", "a river of genuine fascism", and "emergent and dangerous far-right movement".*

*To clarify this request, I am asking for all information available to any of your offices, including communications, about the protest that occurred in and around the parliament grounds up until, and including, 16 February 2022. In particular, I would like all information that indicate the presence of the following at the protest, or discuss the following in regards to the protest:*

- 1) *Anti-Semitism,*
- 2) *Islamophobia,*
- 3) *Fascism,*
- 4) *and an emergent and dangerous far-right movement."*

In my capacity as Minister for Transport and Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety, I do not hold any information in the scope of this request. Therefore your request is refused under section 18(e) as the information does not exist.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Wood".

Hon Michael Wood  
**Minister for Workplace Relations and Safety**  
**Minister of Transport**