



9 August 2022

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Dear Mr Green

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 15 July 2022. You requested the following:

- *copies of all policies and procedures detailing the methods by which IRD staff are allocated to handle OIA requests from Sovereign Citizens, and*
- *what support is available to them ...*

Generally, the business area of Inland Revenue that holds the information requested is responsible for locating the information, collating it, and formulating a response. Inland Revenue's approach to each request, the people who need to be involved, as well as any support required, is decided on a case-by case basis. Support for staff is provided by subject matter experts, team leads and managers, as necessary.

There are no specific policies and procedures detailing the methods by which Inland Revenue staff are allocated to handle OIA requests from "Sovereign Citizens". I have therefore decided to refuse your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

Right of review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you again for your request.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JG', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Josh Green
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