

13 December 2022

Eoghan Kennedy
fyi-request-21320-ec562382@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe Eoghan

Official Information Act (OIA) request: Freedom of Information requests

On 3 December 2022, you contacted Stats NZ requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

I was wondering if you have data on who is making FOI requests in New Zealand and what the most prominent subjects are regarding.

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found. Stats NZ does not hold data on who is making Official Information Act requests across public service agencies and/or Crown Entities, nor do we hold data on the prominent subjects/themes of the requests.

Public service agencies generally publish responses to official information requests, where the information is believed to be of interest to the wider public and is suitable for publication. If you are interested in the prominent subjects of Official Information Act requests, you can visit the website of each agency you are interested in and search through any published OIA responses.

Stats NZ responses can be accessed here [Responses to Official Information Act requests - Stats NZ Store House](#).

The Public Service Commission publishes information on the number of OIA requests received and responded to by public service agencies and Crown Entities every six months. These statistics cover:

- the number of requests completed by agencies in the six month reporting period
- compliance with legislative timeframes
- the publication of OIA responses
- OIA complaints referred by the Ombudsman to agencies, and those where a deficiency was identified
- how many requests are extended, transferred or refused in full
- the average time to respond.

info@stats.govt.nz
toll-free 0508 525 525
stats.govt.nz

The latest report from the Public Service Commission can be found [here](#).

For information on OIA processes please see the Ombudsman's website [here](#).

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact Stats NZ at: OfficeoftheGSCE@stats.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, 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.

It is Stats NZ's policy to proactively release its responses to official information requests where possible. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published on the Stats NZ website. Publishing responses creates greater openness and transparency of government decision-making and helps better inform public understanding of the reasons for decisions.

Ngā mihi nui, nā



Kate Satterthwaite
General Manager, Executive and Government Relations
Office of the Chief Executive
Stats NZ