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Dear B James

I refer to your online Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 13 August 2023, in which you ask:

Could you please provide all information regarding any investigations into members of the Freemasons and/or the Masonic Lodges operating within New Zealand. And whether any illegal or subversive activity has been detected within the organization.

In response to your request, I can advise that being a member of Freemasons New Zealand is not considered an illegal activity in New Zealand, therefore Police do not gather intelligence or record membership relating to this organisation.

Your request is therefore refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to refer the matter to the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz



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