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**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-032953**

Thank you for your message via [fyi.org.nz](https://fyi.org.nz) of 3 July 2024, regarding our other responses to your requests where we have asked for proof of identity.

You do not have to answer all of ACC's questions about your personal information if you prefer not to. ACC cannot require you to answer any questions about an official information request.

But whether and how you answer ACC's questions is relevant to how ACC decides to respond to your official information request, including whether your request should be declined.

Please consider again your option to provide personal information to ACC confidentially. That option is still available.

If there is some other way that you would prefer to give ACC some of the necessary information about you and the reasons for your requests, then please let us know. For example, you might tell us about all of your related official information requests and the reasons for them.

ACC's questions and the Privacy Act

ACC's functions include responding to requests for official information made under the Act. Under the Act ACC sometimes needs to know who has requested official information and why. This is explained below.

IPP 1 of the Privacy Act 2020 permits ACC to obtain personal information for any lawful purpose connected with its functions. ACC has asked you for the minimum personal information necessary for your request for official information.

Your requests for official information

Unfortunately, your other requests seem to be one of a large number of apparently closely related official information requests made to ACC recently that also appear to be made by or on behalf of the same person, although not all using your name.

These information requests require considerable expense and effort for ACC to respond to and will likely require even more expense and effort to produce the information sought.

ACC is considering how best to respond to each of them, including whether any of the requests may be combined under s18A(2) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the "Act") or whether any should be declined.

In your 3 July email, you say that this request is one of several by you. Please identify all of your requests, including any made under other names, so that ACC can understand how best to respond to your requests.

Providing the information that ACC has already asked for about who you are and the reason for your official information request helps ACC decide how to respond to your request.

You are free not to answer ACC's questions, but in the circumstances described if you chose not to do so that may be relevant to whether ACC must produce the official information sought in your other official information requests.

**If you are not happy with this letter**

You can contact the Ombudsman via [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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