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Sharna-Kim

By email: fyi-request-27107-507c9064@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sharna-Kim

REQUEST UNDER THE OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT 1982

I refer to your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) dated 2 June 2024 for:

"...specific details of how the Age of Majority Act 1970 interrelates with the Maori Real Estate Management Act 1867, and the cest qui vie act..." and

"...specific details of every other enactment providing similar authorities."

I have interpreted your email as a request for legal assistance, rather than a request for information under the OIA. In my capacity as Attorney-General, I am the Senior Law Officer of the New Zealand Government. Accordingly, I cannot provide legal advice to individuals or entities other than the New Zealand Crown.

If you wish to obtain legal advice, you may need to instruct your own lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, your local Community Law Centre may be able to assist in the first instance (<https://communitylaw.org.nz/our-law-centres/>).

In addition, I note that the Attorney-General, as Law Officer, is not subject to the OIA¹² and that in any event I do not have any documents that fall within the scope of your request, so that your request would be refused under s 18(e) of the OIA, on the basis that the information does not exist.

In accordance with s 19 of the OIA, I advise you have a right, by way of complaint under s 28(3) of that Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman.

¹² The Attorney-General, when so acting, is not a Minister of the Crown acting in an official capacity. This view is supported by previous Ombudsman case notes on the Law Officer role.

Relevant information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Judith Collins', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Hon Judith Collins KC
Attorney-General