## Office of Rt Hon Christopher Luxon

Prime Minister
Minister for National Security and Intelligence
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Ref: PMO OIA 173-2024-25

Dear Aulia

## Official Information Act request: Information on LGBTQIA+ wellbeing

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 4 November 2024. You requested:

"I am writing to request information regarding actions taken by your office to address issues of homophobia and transphobia in New Zealand. Specifically, I would like to understand the steps you and your government have taken during this term to promote the safety, inclusion, and well-being of LGBTQIA+ communities.

Could you please provide information on:

- [1]. Initiatives or Policies: Any policies, initiatives, or legislative measures introduced or supported by your government to combat homophobia and transphobia.
- [2]. Public Statements or Commitments: Public statements, campaigns, or other public commitments made to support LGBTQIA+ rights and to foster a more inclusive society.
- [3]. Future Commitments: Any future commitments or planned actions that your government intends to take to continue addressing homophobia and transphobia.

Please provide any relevant reports, documents, or communications that outline these efforts."

For ease of reference, I have numbered your request.

This office does not hold the requested information as it relates to question [1] and question [3] as the topic covers multiple portfolios and sits within multiple agencies. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act.

I am advised that there are policies and initiatives already in place and the following ministries and agencies have completed work in the LGBTQIA+ space:

- Ministry of Social Development <u>lgbti-release-ministry-of-youth-development.pdf</u>
- New Zealand Police <u>Diversity liaison officers | New Zealand Police</u>
- Department of Corrections <u>I.10 Management of transgender prisoners | Department of Corrections</u>
- Ministry of Education Supporting LGBTQIA+ students | Inclusive Education
- Oranga Tamariki Rainbow youth in care

You may wish to contact these agencies directly if you have further questions: <u>Government A-Z | New Zealand Government.</u>

In relation to part [2] of your request, the Prime Minister has not made any public statements or commitments relevant to this part of your request. This part is therefore refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely

Cameron Burrows
Chief of Staff