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Tēnā koe John

Official Information Act request: Ministerial Advisory Group for Victims of Retail Crime

Thank you for your email of 17 February 2026 to the Ministry of Justice, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the Ministerial Advisory Group for Victims of Retail Crime. Specifically, you requested:

I would like to request to view all meeting agendas and meeting minutes of this group since its establishment.

I would like to review the documents related to how this decision was made, particularly in relation to the statement in the news that the group “rejected advice from officials about which office it should rent, preferring a more expensive option for privacy reasons.” Specifically, I would like to see the advice provided by officials, as well as the reasons given by the group for rejecting that advice.

A response to your request is being prepared. However, the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit. Therefore, I am extending the time limit for reply under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act and will respond to you no later than 31 March 2026.

You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to make a complaint to the Ombudsman about the decision to extend the time for responding to your request. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by phone on: 0800 802 602, by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or via the webform: [Make a complaint \(for members of the public\) | Ombudsman New Zealand](#).

Nāku noa, nā



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