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Our Ref: C67006

By email: fyi-request-34290-3f1892b7@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe John,

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA): Request for information

Thank you for your request made via email dated 29 March 2026. You requested the following information:

I noted : "We are excited to share that last Friday we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the The Real Estate Agents Authority to support effective regulation of the real estate sector under the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act. Real estate is as attractive to criminals as it is to legitimate investors. As a high-value asset, it can be used domestically and internationally to launder and invest criminal proceeds. The MoU sets expectations for working together to give effect to the AML/CFT Act, confidentiality, information sharing, and coordinated enforcement work. The agreement reflects the powers conferred under the AML/CFT Act, and obligations real estate licensees have under the REA Code of Conduct with respect to legislation relevant to real estate agency work. We look forward to working more closely with REA on our shared goals of raising professional conduct, consumer protection, and compliance with the law."

Could you please provide the full copy of the MoU mentioned in the news? Also, who was present at the signing ceremony? We have considered your request under the OIA.

Information being released

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the MoU signed between the Real Estate Authority and the Department of Internal Affairs on 20 March 2026.

The following people were present at the ceremony:

REA

Belinda Moffat

Josh Doherty

Andrew Tringham

Katie Solomon

Saara Fourie

DIA

Rachel Leota

Serge Sablyak

John Sneyd

Katrina Norman

Jo Leavesly

Next steps

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Tringham', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Andrew Tringham

Head of Regulatory Response and Legal