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Miss M Quicken
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Dear Miss Quicken

Official Information Act request: Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 31 March 2026, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), correspondence regarding Official Information Act reform. Specifically, you requested:

In a statement to Newsroom, Goldsmith confirmed he had asked the ministry to gather more information on the effects of a sharp increase in OIA requests, which had risen 394 percent since 2016.

Please provide the request email pertaining to OIA reform.

I would like to understand whether you asked them to also explain whether the requests have raised given the increased secrecy and the use of urgency / fast track.

Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist. I can advise that the information was requested verbally by me on 9 October 2025.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Goldsmith', written over a large, faint watermark of the signature.

Hon Paul Goldsmith
Minister of Justice