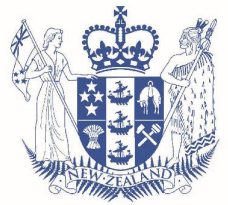


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29 April 2026

Joshua Riley
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Dear Joshua

Official Information Act request: Committee Report Examining Treaty Clauses

Thank you for your email of 1 April 2026, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), a copy of the Committee report examining Treaty Clauses. Specifically, you requested:

I am writing to request a copy of the "Committee report examining Treaty clauses".

This is the report you acknowledged receiving in your letter to me dated 30 March 2026 (attached/referenced for your convenience), sent in response to my previous email of 25 January 2026.

If you decide to withhold the report in its entirety, please ensure your response complies with section 19 of the OIA by providing the specific statutory reason under the Act and advising me of my right to complain to the Ombudsman.

If you decide to redact or withhold any specific part(s) of this report, I expect your response to clearly state:

- 1. The type of information that has been withheld in each instance.*
- 2. The specific statutory grounds under the OIA relied upon for each specific redaction.*

Additionally, if any information is being withheld on the basis that it will soon be publicly available, please provide a specific date or timeframe for its intended release.

I have interpreted the document you are seeking as the Report of the Advisory Group to Ministers on references to Treaty principles in legislation (the Report).

Your request has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act as it is soon to be publicly available. It is intended to be released within the next two weeks on the Ministry of Justice website, here: www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/publications/

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 that reads "Paul Goldsmith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon Paul Goldsmith
Minister of Justice