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Dear Dan

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your interest email of 18 April 2026 requesting the following information:

In your role as leader of the house, since 1 Jan 2025, how many emails has your office received (from members of the public) regarding the government's use of urgency?

How many of these emails were supporting the government's use of urgency? How many were against, and how many were not opposed?

How many were from individuals, and how many were from groups?

Please provide a list of all the groups which have emailed you regarding the government's use of urgency.

How many of these emails did your office respond to? If your office has a templated response, please provide it. If not, please provide a reasonable sample of responses.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982. Please find my decision on your request set out below.

I am providing you with as much information as possible. I have done so by providing you with a summary of the correspondence received and sent (section 16 of the Act refers). This has been done to ensure that the privacy of members of the public remain protected, whilst also ensuring sufficient information is provided to address any transparency and accountability reasons favouring release of the information. Please see the answers to your questions below.

- 1) In your role as leader of the house, since 1 Jan 2025, how many emails has your office received (from members of the public) regarding the government's use of urgency?

The Leader of the House received five emails directly from members of the public about the use of urgency, one of these five emails was sent to multiple ministers, who referred the writer to the Leader of the House's office.

- 2) How many of these emails were supporting the government's use of urgency? How many were against, and how many were not opposed?

One of the emails was in support of the use of urgency the other four emails were opposed.

- 3) How many were from individuals, and how many were from groups?

All five emails were from members of the public.

- 4) Please provide a list of all the groups which have emailed you regarding the government's use of urgency.

As none were from groups, your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist.

- 5) How many of these emails did your office respond to? If your office has a templated response, please provide it. If not, please provide a reasonable sample of responses.

Of the emails received by the Leader of the House, one was responded where they were asked to clarify their concerns and no response was received.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with me, including this decision, please feel free to contact my office: L.Upston@ministers.govt.nz.

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

Sincerely



Hon Louise Upston
Leader of the House