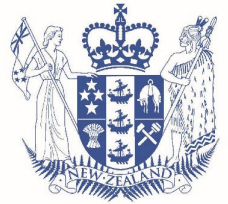


# Hon Simon Watts

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Miss M Quicken

By email: [fyi-request-34670-165e2072@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-34670-165e2072@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Miss M Quicken

## Official Information request for submissions on local government procurement

I refer to your official information request dated 9 May 2026 for submissions provided to me in relation to local government procurement regarding recent local government reforms. My Office identified two information requests as follows:

*“A) Submissions provided to you relating to local government procurement in relation to recent Local Government Act reforms[; and]*

*It would be important to know what reforms are planned in the Local Government Act to ensure that commercial engagement from local government sector follows uniform procurement practices which would also include the spirit of the Part 2 of Commerce Act.”*

Unfortunately, in relation to your first request, I do not hold the information you requested as I do not receive submissions directly relating to Government Bills.

I would note that all submissions to Government Bills are publicly available on Parliament’s website. You may be interested in submissions on the following Bills:

- [Local Government \(System Improvements\) Amendment Bill](#);
- [Local Government \(Water Services Preliminary Arrangements Bill\)](#); and
- [Local Government \(Water Services\) Bill](#).

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA because the information is not held and section 18(d) of the OIA because the information requested is already publicly available.

In regards to your subsequent request to know what reforms are planned in relation to the Local Government Act, I am refusing your request under section 10 of the OIA as the disclosure of existence or non-existence of the requested information may prejudice interests protected by section 9(2)(b) of the OIA.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Watts', written in a cursive style.

Hon Simon Watts  
**Minister of Local Government**