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Kia ora Aimee,

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 24 June 2026, in which you requested information about grooming gangs.

You requested:

An independent report on UK's grooming gangs has just been released.

With New Zealand's growing Indian population, what procedures are police putting in place to make sure this sort of behaviour doesn't take place in New Zealand.

There is a difference between questions which can be answered by providing information already known to, and held by, an agency (official information), and questions which require an agency to form an opinion or provide an explanation and so create new information to answer the request (not official information).

An agency is not obliged to form an opinion or create information to answer an official information request. Your request is therefore refused, as this question does not constitute a request for official information.

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 freephone 0800 802 602.

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