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Mr George Smith
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Dear Mr George Smith

Thank you for your email of 24 July 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

How many, if any, Youth MP nominees for the 2013 Youth Parliament were vetoed by the Ministry

The seventh Youth Parliament was held on 16 and 17 July 2013 in Wellington. Youth Parliament is an opportunity for young New Zealanders to influence government decision-making as active citizens and have their views heard by key decision-makers and the public.

Youth Parliament is coordinated and organised by the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) in collaboration with the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Office of the Clerk, the Parliamentary Service and New Zealand's 121 Members of Parliament (MPs).

Youth Parliament is made up of 121 Youth Members of Parliament members. The selection of these individuals was undertaken by electorate and list MPs, from 11 February until 5 April 2013. MYD supported MPs in this process by providing them with an information pack which included media releases, letters and other collateral to assist them with the promotion of their selection process. However, each MP ran an independent selection process and a range of methods were used for this process, including essay and speech competitions.

MYD was not involved in any decisions that were made in this selection process.

MYD also ensured the promotion of the Youth Parliament to all of New Zealand by corresponding with New Zealand secondary schools, Territorial Local Authorities, Youth Councils and MYD providers.

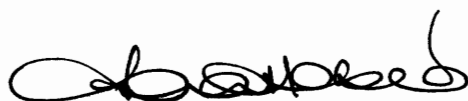
As such, MYD did not veto any nominations for a Youth Member of Parliament position for the 2013 Youth Parliament. Your request for information is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information does not exist.

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I hope you find this information regarding the selection process for Youth Members of Parliament helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Iona Holsted', with a large, stylized initial 'I'.

Iona Holsted
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