



28 June 2019

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Dear S Devoy

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 31 May 2019. You requested:

The number of MPs owning LTC's with tax losses related to residential properties owned by them.

Section 18 of the Tax Administration Act (TAA) imposes a duty on revenue officers to maintain the confidentiality of sensitive revenue information. As the information you have requested relates to the financial affairs of individual taxpayers, it is considered sensitive revenue information. Section 18 of the TAA states that sensitive revenue information can only be released if there is a permitted disclosure.

There is no permitted disclosure that would allow me to release this information to you. Accordingly, I have decided to refuse your request under section 18(c)(i) of the OIA as releasing this information would be contrary to section 18 of the TAA.

You may be interested to know that, since 2005, members of Parliament have been required to make an annual return of their pecuniary and other specified personal interests. A register of these interests can be found on the Parliament website (parliament.nz/media/5566/summary-report-2019-final.pdf).

Right of Review

If you disagree with my decision on your OIA request, you can ask an Inland Revenue review officer to review my decision. To ask for an internal review, please email the Commissioner of Inland Revenue at: CommissionersCorrespondence@ird.govt.nz.

Alternatively, under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. You can contact the office of the Ombudsman by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

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