



OIA 20-E-0402

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Shane Gibson
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Dear Mr Gibson

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 11 July 2020. You requested the following:

Please provide an extract of data from the system you currently use to track information requests submitted under the Official Information Act 1982.

The extract should be in a machine readable form. This means either via a publicly accessible API or file in csv or JSON format.

The extract should have the following details in a single row for each request that was submitted:

- The title of the request.*
- The date your organisation received the request*
- The date of the final response from your organisation to that request, or the date you closed the request*

To reduce the effort required by your organisation I am requesting records for the date range that the data is available in your OIA tracking system. For example if your OIA tracking system only holds two years of records then I am requesting data for those two years.

The Department's official correspondence tracking systems dates back approximately 30 years. It holds a large amount of information and due to the age of the system, it is likely there are some issues around data integrity at different points in time. To provide you with the information for the entire date range covered by the tracking system would require substantial collation and research to ensure we were extracting the complete set of records.

Section 16(1)(e) of the Official Information Act allows for the requested information to be made available in the form of an excerpt or summary. Therefore, the attached Excel spreadsheet contains an excerpt from the tracking system of Official Information Act requests logged and responded to in the past two years, from July 2018 until July 2020. Please note the tracking system uses a 'subject' field rather than 'title'.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of this document subject to information being withheld under the following section of the Official Information Act:

- The names of individuals contained in the subject of the request, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

If you wish to discuss this with the Department, please contact the Government Services Team at governmentservices@doc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L Alcock', written in a cursive style.

Lucy Alcock
Director Government Services