

28 October 2021

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Teresa
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Dear Teresa

Request for information

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 20 October 2021. Specifically, you requested:

*Can you please confirm that New Zealand is a common law country
and if so;*

Can you please confirm common law is a separate jurisdiction from New Zealand Acts and a man standing in common law jurisdiction while he may be arrested for breach of the peace cannot be charged for it or any other crime under any NZ Acts, as per s9 of the Policing Act 2008.

Police does not provide legal advice, or legal interpretation services to the public, therefore your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA, as the information requested is not held by Police.

I refer you to the Policing Act 2008 which is available to view via the following link:
<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2008/0072/latest/whole.html>.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at:
www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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