

# Office of the Prime Minister

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Tēnā koe Harry Peterson

### Official Information Act request about the timeliness of responses to OIA requests

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 2 September 2022.

You have requested:

*“Today, (23rd August 2022) the Prime Minister stated during Question Time that 97% of Official Information Act requests are answered on time. Under the Official Information Act 1982, I am requesting all documentation that the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet holds to suggest that the Prime Minister's claim is accurate. Alternatively, I request the % of OIA requests in the last year that have been completed during the legal time frame.”*

The information that was cited in the Prime Minister's response is publicly available on the Public Service Commission's (PSC) website. The PSC measures the performance of government agencies relating to compliance with the Act and found that between June 2021 and December 2021, agencies responded to 28,885, or 97.3%, of requests on time.

Since the Prime Minister made the statement to which you refer, the Public Service Commission has published statistics for the January 2022 to June 2022 period (7 September 2022). PSC found that agencies responded to 25,797, or 96.9% of requests on time, a slight decrease of 0.4 percent for the previous period. This data is publically available here: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/news/new-oia-measures-published-for-the-first-time/>.

As such, I have refused your request in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

I would like to reiterate that the Government takes its obligations under the Act seriously and work to ensure standards and protocols are maintained in respect of the Act. The most recent findings from PSC reflect these efforts.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Ngā mihi nui,



Raj Nahna  
**Chief of Staff**