

# Hon Kiri Allan

MP for East Coast  
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Tēnā koe Craig

## **Sexual harassment and workplace bullying**

Thank you for your email of 8 October 2022, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the **Act**) information on sexual harassment and workplace bullying at the Waitangi Tribunal. Specifically, you requested:

*“...all information relating to the issue of workplace bullying and sexual harassment occurring within the Waitangi Tribunal Unit (the body within the Ministry of Justice that provides administrative and support services to the Waitangi Tribunal -not the Waitangi Tribunal itself), since 2017. This request includes all the papers or documents relating to each respective Minister of Justice and Associate Minister of Justice since 2017.”*

I am aware that you made an identical request to my predecessor, Hon Kris Faafoi, who refused your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information did not exist.

As noted in Hon Kris Faafoi’s response of 3 February 2022, Ministers would not ordinarily be involved in decisions on internal policies or matters relating to individual staff, including subjects of workplace bullying and sexual harassment. I am therefore also refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you have the right to complain to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben McLachlan'.

Ben McLachlan  
**Senior Ministerial Advisor**

