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Tēnā koe Nicholas,

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), which we received on 18 December 2023.

You said:

Could you send me a list of all media that's been banned for containing "homosexual themes", "lesbian themes", "queer themes" or other lgbtq related reasons.

Could you break this down into two lists one showing those that are banned for just lgbtq related stuff and one that's also banned for other things (such as exploitation of a minor)

Please provide as ether a table or csv. Please include any extra informations (date of publication, date of classification, author, who reviewed it etc) as reasonable

In responding to your request, we have weighed up the factors in the OIA, including the purposes in [section 4](#) and the principle of availability in [section 5](#).

Response to your request

Te Mana Whakaatu—Classification Office does not hold a list of the kind you describe. Accordingly, your request is refused under [section 18\(e\)](#) of the OIA.

Additional information

No publications have been banned solely because of LGBTQ+ content or themes under our current legislation, the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. Historically, some publications that deal with LGBTQ+ content and themes were banned by the Indecent Publications Tribunal under previous legislation.¹ Some of those publications remain illegal in Aotearoa New Zealand.

¹ The Tribunal was a predecessor to the Classification Office. It existed from 1964 to 1994.

Attached is a list of some written or printed publications with LGBTQ+ content or themes which have been classified by the Tribunal. Banned publications are in red.

Te Mana Whakaatu—Classification Office compiled this list so that we can systematically review these classifications as part of our work with Rainbow stakeholders in our historical publications project. Part of this work involves determining whether these publications should remain banned for other reasons. We expect to conclude this work in 2024.

This list refers only to written or printed material and does not include films, games, or other types of publications which are banned and contain LGBTQ+ content or themes.

Publication of response

This response may be published on the Classification Office's [website](#). If it is published there, your personal information will be redacted.

Right of review

You have the right to make a complaint and seek a review by the Ombudsman of this response under [section 28\(3\) of the OIA](#). Information about this process is available at ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Thank you for your interest in our mahi.

Ngā mihi nui,
Te Mana Whakaatu—Classification Office