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T Murray

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Dear T Murray

Official Information Act 1982 request – Transgender participation

This letter responds to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, on 22 December 2023 requesting the following information:

- any advice you have received on Transgender participation in sport at any sport level.*
- any correspondence you have received from other members of parliament / ministers relating to transgender participation in sport.*
- the details of any instructions issued to sports organisations and sports nz on withholding funding from sports who have transgender participants."*

Please see attached all advice and correspondence received by myself and my Office regarding Transgender participation in sport at any sport level.

Information has been withheld from these above documents under the following sections of the OIA:

- s 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of individuals;
- information that is out of scope of the request.

I also received a copy of a report prepared for the Integrity Transition Programme by Allen + Clarke on the public survey about the Code of Integrity for Sport and Recreation which briefly discusses transgender participation in sport on page 55 and 56. Under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act I am not providing this document as the information is publicly available on the Integrity Transition Programme website – <http://integritytransition.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/ITP-Public-Survey-Report-Nov-2023.pdf>

I also received advice over the phone from the Chief Executive of Sport New Zealand, Raelene Castle, advising me that:

- Sport New Zealand had developed transgender guiding principles that National Sport Organisations use for developing their community sport guidelines.
- Less than 1% of participants in community sport were transgender.

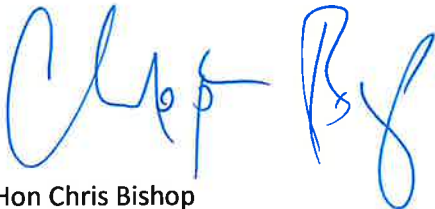
I have not received any correspondence from other Members of Parliament or Ministers relating to transgender participation in sport. I am therefore refusing this section of your request under Section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

Likewise, I have not provided any instructions or directions to Sport New Zealand regarding the participation of transgender people in sport. I am therefore refusing this section of your request under Section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by any other circumstances that render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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

Hon Chris Bishop

Minister for Sport and Recreation