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Dear Sam Arnoth

Official Information Act 1982 request – Transgender participation in sport

This letter responds to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received on 23 December 2023.

You requested:

1. *Any data on the amount of transgender people currently playing sport, at recreational and elite level*
2. *the details of any instructions issued to sports organisations and sport nz on withholding funding from sports who have transgender participants.*
3. *the details on how sports organizations would be able to police this and how sports who have transgender participants will lose funding.*

Neither my office nor Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) collect data on the number of transgender people currently playing sport at any level. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information is not held by my office nor Sport NZ, and there are no reasonable grounds to believe it is held by another Minister or agency.

There have not been any 'instructions issued to sports organisations and sport nz on withholding funding from sports who have transgender participants'. As there are no instructions on withholding funding from sports who have transgender participants, there is no information on how sports organisations would be 'able to police this' and how sports would lose funding. Accordingly, the remainder of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

Please note that if you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bishop'.

Hon Chris Bishop
Minister for Sport and Recreation