



21 March 2024

Attention: S Bay

By email: fyi-request-26020-6e928392@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe S Bay

Official information request regarding The Post article of 6 March 2024
Our Ref: OIA353/1

1. I refer to your official information request dated 7 March 2024:
On The Post front page yesterday (6 March) it mentioned a graduate law programme was being cut. Can you provide the information you hold (emails, messages, briefings) about how you have interpreted “back office” functions in your agency and information (emails, messages, briefings) about why this programme is being cut.
2. I understand that your request refers to the article at the link below:
<https://www.thepost.co.nz/politics/350202154/government-cuts-edge-closer-public-service-coalface>
3. Regarding the first part of your request, we have found information that is in scope of your request. Please refer to the enclosed attachment. Information in this attachment that is not in scope has been redacted, as well as some names under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982.
4. We have decided to refuse the second part of your request for information which relates to the two-year graduate programme from 2026. I believe you are referring to the Government Legal Network Graduate Programme which is managed by Crown Law. I can advise that no decision has been made to cut this programme. Therefore, your request is refused in line with section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as this information does not exist.
5. In order to provide you with further context about the information you have requested, please note that Crown Law is currently considering an organisational design proposal that may impact on roles whose responsibilities currently include the management of the Graduate Programme. If this goes ahead, alternative opportunities have been identified within Crown Law to carry out these responsibilities and support the cohort of Graduates.

Proactive release

6. Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.
7. 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.
8. I hope you find the information helpful. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact OIA@crownlaw.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



Toni Grimshaw
Chief People Officer
Te Tari Ture o Te Karauna | Crown Law

Encl: Email PDF – FW: Extension for Org Design Consultation period - Redacted