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Kia ora

**Your Official Information Act request, reference: GOV-032719**

Thank you for your email message of 24 June 2024.

You do not have to answer all of ACC's questions if you prefer not to. ACC cannot require you to answer any questions about an official information request.

But whether and how you answer ACC's questions is relevant to how ACC decides to respond to your official information request, including whether your request should be declined.

Please consider again your option to provide personal information to ACC confidentially. That option is still available.

If there is some other way that you would prefer to give ACC the necessary information about you and the reasons for your requests, then please let us know.

ACC's questions and the Privacy Act

ACC's functions include responding to requests for official information made under the Act. Under the Act ACC sometimes needs to know who has requested official information and why. This is explained below.

IPP 1 of the Privacy Act 2020 permits ACC to obtain personal information for any lawful purpose connected with its functions. ACC has asked you for the minimum personal information necessary for your request for official information.

Your request for official information

Unfortunately, your request seems to be one of a large number of apparently closely related official information requests made to ACC recently that also appear to be made by or on behalf of the same person.

These information requests require considerable expense and effort for ACC to respond to and will likely require even more expense and effort to produce the information sought.

ACC is considering how best to respond to each of them, including whether any of the requests may be combined under s18A(2) of the Official Information Act 1982 (the "Act") or whether any should be declined.

Whether your request is or is not one of several related requests, then please tell us so that ACC can understand how best to respond to your request.

Providing the information that ACC has already asked for about who you are and the reason for your official information request helps ACC decide how to respond to your request.

You are free not to answer ACC's questions, but in the circumstances described a requestor's refusal to answer reasonable questions can be relevant to whether ACC must produce the official information sought in an official information request.

**If you are not happy with this letter**

You can also contact the Ombudsman via [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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