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Our ref: OIA 112905

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### **Official Information Act request: Gang management policy**

Thank you for your email of 31 May 2024, in which you request information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Specifically, you've requested:

*Documents detailing the policy on banning gang patches in public places.*

*Assessments or evaluations of the effectiveness of this policy since its implementation.*

*Data on the number of dispersal notices issued under this policy and their outcomes.*

*Information on the criteria and procedures used to issue dispersal notices.*

*Any reports or studies on the impact of the gang patch ban on gang-related crime rates and community safety.*

*Feedback or complaints received from the public or affected parties regarding the implementation of this policy.*

*Comparative analysis, if available, of similar policies implemented in other countries and their outcomes.*

Your request for policy documents is being interpreted as referring to the Gangs Legislation Amendment Bill (the Bill).

The Bill has not been passed by Parliament, so it is not yet in effect, therefore your request for assessments, evaluations or data is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

You have also asked for documents detailing the policy and information on dispersal notices. This part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information you've requested is publicly available within proactively released Cabinet papers. These papers can be found at: [justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Gangs-Legislation-Amendment-Bill-v2.pdf](https://justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/Gangs-Legislation-Amendment-Bill-v2.pdf)

Your request for reports or studies on impacts and any comparative analysis is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is also publicly available. The information you seek is contained in the Regulatory Impact Statement, Responding to Gang Harms, found at: [justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/RIS\\_Responding-to-Gang-Harms\\_FINAL.pdf](https://justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/RIS_Responding-to-Gang-Harms_FINAL.pdf)

Finally, your request for feedback or complaints received is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested will soon be made publicly available in the Departmental Report, which will also be published on Parliament's website.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz).

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/](http://justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses/).

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 Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to [xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxx.xx) or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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