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Tēnā koe Miss Forest

Official Information Act request: Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2024 to the Ministry of Justice, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information regarding the amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009 (the AML/CFT Act). Specifically, you requested:

- 1. Please provide the impact / assessment of Bill of Rights and Human Rights Act 1993 in relation to introduction and amendment of AML / CTF Act when it comes to housing status of people who would be impacted on when opening bank accounts.*
- 2. In addition, provide the documented process used to identify, engage and consult with people, communities and groups who have an interest in relation to AML/CTF law & regulations impact to homeless population.*
- 3. Also please provide the documents resulting from that consultation.*

We have interpreted your request to be for documents relating to the AML/CFT address verification amendment in the Statutes Amendment Bill, which has recently undergone its First Reading in the House. For ease of reply, I have divided your request into three parts.

Regarding part 1, I am refusing this part under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is publicly available at the Ministry's website. You can find the documents here:

- The report assessing the Statutes Amendment Bill's consistency with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act is available at: [20240923-Statutes-Amendments-Bill-Consistency-with-NZBORA-signed-by-AG-for-publishing.pdf](#)
- Address verification changes were originally included in the AML/CFT Early Regulatory Proposals but were subsequently removed. The Regulatory Impact Statement for the AML/CFT Early Regulatory Proposals is available at: [justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/RIS-AMLCFT-Early-Regulatory-Proposals.pdf](#)
- The public consultation documents and summary of consultation on the Statutory Review of the Act is available at: [consultations.justice.govt.nz/policy/aml-cft-review/](#)

Regarding part 2 and 3, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

If you require any further information, please contact Media & Social Media Manager Joe Locke at media@justice.govt.nz.

Please note that our response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [Official Information Act responses | New Zealand Ministry of Justice](#).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The Office of the Ombudsman may be contacted by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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