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Mr Ronald van der Horst
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Dear Mr van der Horst

Thank you for your request of 23 December 2015, made under the Official Information Act 1982. You requested the following:

- 1. By what or whose authority is The New Zealand Parliament empowered to make legislation?*
- 2. From what or whose authority do the Acts of Parliament derive their authority?*
- 3. By what or whose authority are the Acts of Parliament binding on all persons within the territory of New Zealand, pakeha and Maori?*

Your request relates to matters of constitutional law and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue does not hold this information, nor is she able to direct you to the particular agency which would hold this information.

Your request is therefore declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982.

There are various books publicly available on the history of the New Zealand legal system if you wish to pursue your interest in these matters further.

If you disagree with my decision you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted at:

PO Box 10152
The Terrace
Wellington 6143

Thank you for writing again.

Yours sincerely



Tony Donoghue
Manager, Commissioner's correspondence