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Nathan Weaver

By email: fyi-request-899-efc160e4@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Weaver

Official Information Act request – number of requests for information

Thank you for your email of 30 May 2013 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

What is the total number of requests for information under terms of OIA received by all government agencies of New Zealand in 2012 calendar year?

The State Services Commission (SSC) received 97 OIA requests in the 2012 calendar year. SSC does not hold this information in relation to other government agencies.

Information on the total number of OIA requests received by each government agency is usually released publicly through annual select committee review processes. This information is regularly requested as part of a series of questions that select committees put to:

- Ministers through the annual Estimates Review
- departments through the annual Financial Review.

The information is provided in individual responses to the select committee and, once the committee issues its report on its review, the evidence is made publicly available through the Parliament website: www.parliament.govt.nz.

The responses setting out each department's information are categorised as "evidence". You can search for the responses provided in relation to each Vote (for the Estimates Review) or for each agency (for the Financial Review) through this webpage: <http://www.parliament.nz/en-NZ/PB/SC/Documents/Evidence/>. For Estimates Review information, search for the document type "Estimate – SC Evidence"; for Financial Review information, search for the document type "Financial Review – SC Evidence".

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Oliver'.

Hugh Oliver

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