

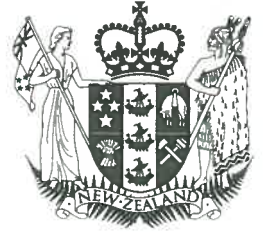
Hon Tracey Martin

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18 MAR 2019

A. Tait

Fyi-request-9670-789b95f9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear A. Tait

Thank you for your email of 25 February 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Any and all documents received by you (or your office) relating to the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registrations Bill. Any and all documents sent by you (or your office) relating to the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registrations Bill. Any other information held by you (or your office) relating to the Births, Deaths, Marriages and Relationships Registrations Bill, including but not limited to meeting minutes.

I have considered your request, and have concluded that the information you have requested would take a substantial amount of time and staff effort to collate.

With this in mind, I am refusing your request in its current form under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information you have requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

You are welcome to send an amended request with clarification as to what information you are specifically seeking. Any clarification you send would be treated as a new request under the Act and would be responded to as such.

If you are not already aware, there are a number of documents publically available regarding the Bill. Information and documents about the Bill can be found on Parliament's website: www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_74854/births-deaths-marriages-and-relationships-registration.

The above information includes the Bill history and digest, Hansard transcripts of the first reading of the Bill, submissions received about the Bill, and the final report on the Bill by the Governance and Administration Committee.


Crown Law's advice to me regarding the Bill was published on the Beehive website and can be found with my statement about the Bill's deferral at www.beehive.govt.nz/release/births-deaths-marriages-and-relationships-registration-bill-be-deferred.

I hope the range of information available from the above websites assists you to clarify your request.

As is required by section 9(1) of the Act, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding information are outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hon Tracey Martin
Minister of Internal Affairs