

16 January 2024

Our Ref: C56091

By email: fyi-request-25260-49829db0@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe, John,

Official Information Act 1982 (OIA): Staff involved in OIA and Stats

We note your request made via email dated 20 December 2023 in which you requested the following:

May I kindly request org chart of your team who deal with OIA Act request. How many OIA Act request you have received from 1st Jan 2022 to 1 Dec 2023. Also are able to provide the status of how many requests you have delayed in reply and how many you required extension of time to response.

We have considered your request under the OIA.

Information being released

Please find below the information requested for the period 1 January 2022 to 1 December 2023. Please note that we have interpreted the reference to "... have delayed in reply..." to refer to late responses and have reflected that in the information provided. I note that we take all steps to respond as soon as possible to OIA requests, and our median response time as published in the PSC OIA statistics for January – June 2023 was 14.6 days.

For the period 1 January 2022 to 1 December 2023 REA:

- Received 82 OIA requests;
- Sought 9 extensions; and
- Had 8 late responses.

With regards to your question as to who deals with OIA requests, as a small agency we do not have a special team who manages these requests. Requests are logged by the Legal Operations and Litigation Coordinator and allocated to the team that they relate to. OIA responses are generally signed out by the relevant senior leader, with engagement from the General Counsel and Chief Executive if required. There is no further information to provide with regards to this aspect of your request.

Information not being released

We are not providing our organisational chart as this information has previously been provided to you.

Next steps

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please contact me by email at legal@rea.govt.nz.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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