



CABINET OFFICE

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Rochelle Butt

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Dear Ms Butt

Information request: New Zealand Law Society

Our ref: DPMC 008-2015

- 1 Thank you for your email dated 31 January 2015. You have sought the following information:

Please could you provide me with information as to the following:

Who is the NZSL accountable to ie who is the governing body?; and 2. What law enforcement authority does the NZLS have to hold lawyers accountable to New Zealand Law and to the Rules for Lawyers according to the Lawyers & Coveyancers Act?

- 2 The information you have requested is publicly available. I am therefore declining your request under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act 1982 ("OIA").
- 3 However, for your information, the New Zealand Law Society is governed by a council and managed by a board: see the New Zealand Law Society website at www.lawsociety.org.nz
- 4 The regulatory functions of the New Zealand Law Society are provided by the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006. That Act is administered by the Ministry of Justice and can be accessed at the New Zealand legislation website at www.legislation.govt.nz
- 5 You are entitled to ask the Ombudsman to review this response under section 28(3) of the OIA.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Webster'.

Michael Webster

Clerk of the Executive Council