



5 August 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2025, requesting information about the Youth Parliament 2025 speeches.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

- *a copy of whatever guidelines or standards are being used to justify this censorship.*
- *all advice and communications on how those guidelines or standards were developed.*

Following the Youth Parliament 2025 in-person event, the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) – Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi is preparing a proactive release of all documents relating to this topic. This proactive release will include reports provided to the Minister for Youth on the subject of Youth Parliament 2025, Youth MP information packs and guidance documents, application forms, feedback provided to Youth MPs on their General Debate speeches, code of conduct and training, and information about live streaming.

As such, part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is soon to be made publicly available.

Regarding your request for all communications, Ministry staff would have to manually review a substantial number of emails to locate and prepare all documents within scope of your request. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

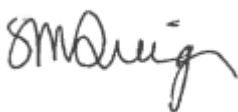
I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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