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## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 5 April 2022 for:

How does the ministry for Women, recognise/classify those who identify in gender terms – against those who identify in terms of sex" more specifically those who are legally recognised as female in NZ Law?

The Ministry for Women represents the interests and supports the rights of <u>all</u> women, including transgender and transsexual women, and recognises the rights of all people to self-identify.

You may be interested to look at the current work of StatsNZ: https://www.stats.govt.nz/topics/gender-sex-and-intersex

## **Official Information Act responses**

Please note that this response, with your personal details redacted, may be published on the Ministry's website. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing <a href="mailto:ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz">ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz</a>, within two weeks of the date of this letter.

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 <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

**Kellie Coombes**Secretary for Women