

26 April 2023

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 4 April 2023, for:

Please advise what the definition of “Woman” is according to the Ministry for Women.

In accordance with section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982, the Office of the Minister for Women transferred your request, in part, to Mānatu Wāhine Ministry for Women on 4 April 2023, as the matters raised fall within our area of responsibility.

We note the other aspects of your request were transferred to the Office of the Prime Minister for response in due course.

Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women represent the interests of, and support the rights and wellbeing of, all women. Along with the Human Rights Commission and the United Nations Convention of the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) we recognise the right to self-identify and that all people, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, have the same human rights and freedoms.

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 ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz, 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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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Secretary for Women