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## OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 10 April 2023 for:

*Does the Ministry for Women have any way for women who have been sexually/emotionally/financially abused at any stage of their life to report it anonymously so that accurate data can be collated about these abuses of women (including those who identify as women)?*

Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women's central function is to provide policy advice on improving the outcomes for women and girls in Aotearoa New Zealand. We do not have an operational arm that undertakes the data collection described in your request.

We did consult with other agencies to confirm if your request was best placed elsewhere, however, this has confirmed that such a mechanism to anonymously report sexual, emotional or financial abuse does not exist within government. As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

You may, however, be interested the Crime and Victim Survey conducted by the Ministry of Justice. The participants are selected with the survey collecting information about New Zealander's experience of crime.

<https://www.justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/research-data/nzcvs/#what-is-nzcvs>

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](mailto: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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kellie Coombes', written in a cursive style.

**Kellie Coombes**  
Secretary for Women