

16 December 2024

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 21 November 2024 for:

- *Please provide the Ministry's official definition of 'woman'.*
- *Additionally, please provide all documents (briefings etc), as well as communications related to the definition of 'woman'."*

On 22 November 2024, you amended the second part of your request to "all internal communications".

Part of the information you have requested is enclosed.

On 21 November 2024, the Ministry provided you with the following links to previous Official Information Act requests relating to the definition of woman:

https://www.women.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2023-08/OIA%20Response%20dated%2026%20April%202023%2C%20definition%20of%20a%20woman_2.pdf

<https://www.women.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2023-06/OIA%20Response%20dated%2026%20April%202023%2C%20definition%20of%20a%20woman.pdf>

However, we have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to ALL internal communications related to defining 'woman' under section 18 (g) of the Official Information Act, this information does not exist.

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 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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