



23 October 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Request

Our Ref: SSCOIA2019-0248

I refer to your official information request received on 15 October 2019 for:

"any statistics as to the number of trivial or frivolous "joke" OIA requests submitted to agencies by journalists."

The State Services Commission publishes Official Information Act (OIA) [statistics](#) covering Crown entities and government departments subject to the OIA every six months.

The statistics capture five elements:

- the number of requests completed by agencies
- the number and proportion of these requests where legislative timeliness requirements were met
- the number of responses proactively published on an agency's website
- OIA complaints to the Ombudsman that were notified to the agency
- final views issued by the Ombudsman where a deficiency was identified.

In response to your question, the State Services Commission does not hold the statistics that you have requested. Therefore, I am refusing your request in full under section 18 (g) of the OIA that the information you have requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

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.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the SSC website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks'.

Nicky Dirks
Managing Principal – Ministerial Services
State Services Commission