



5 August 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 8 July 2025, requesting information about the Youth Parliament 2025 speeches.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

- *All communications relating to claims made by Youth MPs that they had been asked/recommended to change/edit/alter/consider the contents of material to be delivered during the 2025 Youth Parliament. This should include, but is not limited to, any communications about how to approach the content provided by Youth MPs, any directions/policy around what changes to ask for or recommend, and any communications about how to respond to media questions.*

Following the Youth Parliament 2025 in-person event, the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) – Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi is preparing a proactive release of all documents relating to this topic. This proactive release will include reports provided to the Minister for Youth on the subject of Youth Parliament 2025, Youth MP information packs and guidance documents, application forms, code of conduct and training, and information about live streaming.

As such, part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is soon to be made publicly available.

Feedback provided to Youth MPs on their General Debate speeches will be provided in the proactive release by way of a summary under section 16(1)(e) and 16(2)(a) of the Act and will be available to you once the information is published online.

Your request for any communications about how to respond to media questions and all communications relating to claims made by Youth MPs is very broad, and substantial manual collation would be required to locate and prepare all documents within scope of your request. As such, I refuse your request under section 18(f) of the Act. The greater public interest is in the effective and efficient administration of the public service.

I have considered whether the Ministry would be able to respond to your request given extra time, or the ability to charge for the information requested. I have concluded that, in either case, the Ministry's ability to undertake its work would still be prejudiced.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request regarding Youth Parliament, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'A' followed by a horizontal line.

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