

31 July 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 2 July 2025, requesting contact information of members of the Youth Parliament.

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

Youth Parliament 2025 is a unique youth development opportunity for 143 young people from across Aotearoa New Zealand to experience the political process, learn about how government works and represent their communities as Youth Members of Parliament (MPs) or participate as Youth Press Gallery members. The 123 Youth MPs are aged 16-18 years, and the 20 Youth Press Gallery members are aged 16-24 years. Their tenures end 29 August 2025. Youth Parliament 2025 is delivered by the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) with support of Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

The names of all Youth Parliament participants are publicly available on the MYD website: www.myd.govt.nz/young-people/youth-parliament/youth-parliament-2025.html.

Your request for contact details of Youth MPs is refused in full under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

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, 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

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