



30 October 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 3 July 2025, requesting information related to Youth Parliament 2025.

I apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

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

- 1. All video or audio recordings of general speeches delivered by Youth MPs.*
- 2. All video or audio recordings of Youth MPs asking oral questions to Ministers.*

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD) – Te Manatū Whakahiato Taiohi did not live stream the Youth Parliament programme this year due to resourcing capacity. Live streaming of Youth Parliament was only undertaken for the 2019 and 2022 programmes.

At MYD's request, Kordia, which also provides Parliament TV on behalf of the Office of the Clerk, made recordings of individual Youth members of Parliament (MPs) delivering their speeches and oral questions during Youth Parliament 2025.

The purpose was to provide them to Youth MPs as a keepsake after the event so they could choose how they shared them e.g., with fellow participants, parents/guardians, members of Parliament etc.

In order to share the recordings to Youth MPs, Kordia set up a temporary Google Drive folder through which Youth MPs could access their individual recordings until Friday 26 September 2025. MYD was only given temporary access to the Google Drive and did not download them due to IT system requirements.

MYD viewed the recordings so that it could identify the person delivering the speech or oral question and send links to the recordings on the Google Drive via email to individual Youth MPs.

I am therefore refusing the above parts of your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information you have requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is either held by or closely connected to the functions of another department, Minister of the Crown or organisation.

It is also worth noting that the Office of the Clerk is not subject to the Official Information Act.

3. *A copy of the Hansard or any formal transcript taken during the 2025 Youth Parliament proceedings, if available.*

Your request for this information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as this information does not exist.

4. *All scripts provided to MYD by the Youth MPs who gave a general debate speech.*

I am refusing your request for this information under section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the Act as it is subject to an obligation of confidence, and if released, would be likely to damage the public interest. The greater public interest is in ensuring that such information can continue to be supplied.

However, you may be interested in a summary of feedback provided by MYD to Youth MPs on their draft speeches. This summary is available at the following link: <https://www.myd.govt.nz/documents/youth-parliament-2025/yp25-proactive-release/04.01-04.12-guidance-for-two-day-event-compressed-.pdf>. Please refer to page 52.

You may also be interested to know that, aligned with the Youth Parliament aim of replicating parliamentary processes, Youth MPs were each assigned to one of 12 Parliamentary Working Groups (PWG). Each PWG had a focus on a different real-time central topic or question contributed by a government agency. Each PWG consisted of approximately 10-12 Youth MPs, who led engagement with other young people in their communities on the topic and brought those voices with them to Wellington for the two-day Youth Parliament 2025 event. Youth MPs within all 12 PWGs developed a presentation of their findings and key recommendations on the topic. These reports were presented to government decision-makers at the two-day event and have since been circulated with relevant agencies and Ministers, and have also been published online at: [Youth Parliament 2025 - MYD](#).

Additionally, you may be aware that there were 20 Youth Press Gallery (YPG) members covering the work being done by Youth MPs in their communities, and during the two-day event at Parliament. Each PWG had 1-2 YPG members assigned to cover their topic, including covering highlights from the engagements Youth MPs led with other young people and the recommendations made by Youth MPs about their PWG topic. There are two editions of YPG articles publicly available at: <https://myd.govt.nz/young-people/youth-parliament/youth-parliament-2025.html> - [YouthParliament2025ENewsletterArticlesFirstEdition5](#).

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.

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