

11 March 2025

s9(2)(a)

Via email: s9(2)(a)

Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 26 February 2025. You requested:

"Section 23 of the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission/Te Waihanga Act 2019 gives Te Waihanga the power to obtain information from third parties. Section 26 prohibits disclosure of information collected under section 23. I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

- 1. how many times s23 was used to obtain information in 2024;*
- 2. if the number of times s23 was used is less than 50, the date and target of every such request;*
- 3. the last five documents obtained under section 23."*

The parts of your request have been numbered for ease of reference.

We did not request information under section 23 of the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission/Te Waihanga Act 2019 during 2024. Accordingly, parts 1-3 of your request are refused under section 18(e) as the information requested does not exist.

For context, our approach has been to build relationships with government agencies, councils, and private sector entities and work collaboratively with them to share infrastructure information. You can find out about our main information sharing work, the National Infrastructure Pipeline and Infrastructure Priorities Programme (IPP), on our website here:

- Pipeline: <https://tewaihanga.govt.nz/the-pipeline/about-the-pipeline>
- IPP: <https://tewaihanga.govt.nz/our-work/infrastructure-priorities-programme/about-the-infrastructure-priorities-programme-ipp>.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Te Waihangā website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely



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