

10 March 2026

Official information requests relating to immigration policies and Crown Law staff demographics
Our Ref: OIA-2526124

I refer to your official information requests, which the Office of Minister Paul Goldsmith transferred to Crown Law on 12 February 2026. We have numbered your requests for ease of reference. You requested:

1. OIA Request re Mass Migration

I am seeking information relating to Officials & Crown Documents dated from 2020 to 2026 in each of your portfolios regarding the Impact assessments and Treaty Impact Assessments, as well as financial & demographic modelling, & fiscal Impacts including loss of taxes and repatriation of profits to offshore jurisdictions from mass migration.

Also, I request Officials & Crown Documents dated from 2020 to 2026 in each of your portfolios regarding these items on the demographic structure including labour market analysis and assessment of social cohesion as a result of mass.

Please provide documents authored by officials and/or Cabinet regarding the governance pathway regarding immigration settings in New Zealand that are:

- 1. Evidence-based*
- 2. Legally compliant*
- 3. Treaty-aligned*
- 4. Democratically accountable*
- 5. Operationally enforceable*
- 6. Continuously monitored*

2. OIA Request for breaches in border control & immigration policy

I am seeking information relating to Officials & Crown Documents dated from 2020 to 2026 in each of your portfolios regarding the breaches in border control and in immigration policies from mass migration as per the Table below:

Immigration Compliance Tool	Breach	Total
Identity & document checks	1. Forged or altered documents 2. Documents fraudulently signed 3. Passport scanning & document not correctly verified	
Biometric Scanning	1. Identity across countries NOT confirmed	
Border screening	1. High risk migrants not identified 2. Pre-departure checks faulty & arrival questioning avoided	
Fraud Investigation	1. False information NOT detected 2. Tech-based detection failed	
Legal powers	1. Consequences NOT enforced 2. Deportation, citizenship revocation & prosecution	
Anti-exploitation measures	Coerced or fraudulent applications fall through the cracks Drug & people trafficking increased Money laundered increases	

Please provide documents authored by officials and/or Cabinet regarding the governance pathway regarding immigration breaches in New Zealand that are:

1. Evidence-based
2. Legally compliant
3. Treaty-aligned
4. Democratically accountable
5. Operationally enforceable
6. Continuously monitored

3. OIA Request for expected error in estimated numbers for migrants

I am seeking information relating to Officials & Crown Documents dated from 2020 to 2026 that provides confirms the expected errors in estimated numbers for each migrant group that has entered New Zealand situated in each Territorial Local Authority Area. Which groups have the greatest error in the population estimates? For example is it people under the flag of Samoa or India or is it people under a different temple that is not a church eg people of Moslem belief?

Please provide documents authored by officials and/or Cabinet regarding the demographic and statistical evidence pathway regarding groups who flag of citizenship is NOT New Zealand.

Please provide documentation where these estimates of migrants have been used for estimating capacity for government services in health, education and housing that are evidence based.

Had officials provided your ministries with documentation that was:

1. *Legally compliant*
2. *Treaty-aligned*
3. *Democratically accountable*
4. *Operationally enforceable*
5. *Continuously monitored*

4. OIA Request regarding staff employed for each government department

I am seeking information relating to the number of staff employed for each government department and the support services for these who are not citizens under the New Zealand flag. For example under the flag of Samoa or India or some other source of identity such as a different temple that is not a church eg people of Moslem belief?

Please provide these numbers in full as well as being summarized as a percentage for each group in each department.

Had these migrant officials provided your ministries with documentation that was:

1. *Legally compliant*
2. *Treaty-aligned*
3. *Democratically accountable*
4. *Operationally enforceable*
5. *Continuously monitored*

We have addressed each of your requests in turn.

Requests 1 to 3

Crown Law does not hold any information that addresses your first three requests. Generally, we would have transferred these requests to Immigration New Zealand within the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), because the information you requested is more closely connected with its functions.

However, we are aware that you already made the same requests to both Hon Nicola Willis and Hon Erica Stanford, who are the Ministers responsible for MBIE and Immigration respectively. Therefore, no transfer is required. We do not hold any additional relevant information that is not already held by MBIE, or the Offices of Minister Willis and Minister Stanford.

Request 4

At the time of appointment, Crown Law requests evidence from new employees of their right to legally work in New Zealand. However, we do not collect information on citizenship status. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act because the information requested does not exist.

Crown Law supports inclusion and diversity by celebrating the different cultures in our workplace, encouraging people to participate in the range of events that are organised to bring staff together. For example, this includes a range of Employee Led Networks in which we support staff to

participate and connect. More information on Crown Law's approach to diversity and inclusion can be found in our [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan](#) on our website. This plan is also being reviewed and updated for 2026/27 in line with Public Service guidance.

Proactive release

Please note that we may publish this response (with your personal details redacted), and any related documents, on Crown Law's website if we decide proactive release of this information is or may be in the public interest. If you have any concerns about this, please let us know within 10 working days of the date of this letter.

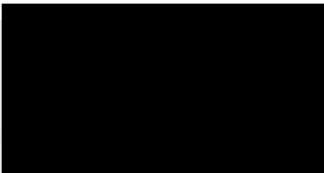
Right to seek an investigation and review

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact oa@crownlaw.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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