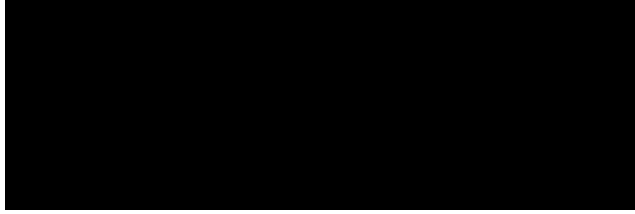




11 March 2024



**Official information request regarding the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General
Our Ref: OIA353/1**

1. I refer to your “Request for Essential Information” by email dated 28 February 2024 that is couched in the following terms:¹

1. I write to ask that you please direct me to the **code of ethics and conduct that the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General must abide by.**
2. Please also direct me to their **corporate governance.**
3. Please **confirm whether the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General is subject to the FMA. If not, whose authority are they subject to?**
4. **When the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General fails in its role, deliberately violating the Rule of Law by knowingly turning a blind eye to an egregiously corrupt* public agency, an extractive business enterprise in NZ Inc.’s NFP Sector, then with whom must we correspond and complain to receive an appropriate investigation and our civilian justice, according to the Rule of Law? Would that be to the Attorney-General’s office?**

2. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

3. We do not hold the information referred to in the items numbered 1 and 2 in your request. You may wish to consider seeking that information from the Office of the Controller and Auditor-General. We also note there is information about the organisation that is publicly available at: www.oag.parliament.nz.

4. The remainder of your request appears to be a request for legal advice. The Crown Law office cannot provide legal advice to members of the public because we provide legal advice and representation services to the government.

¹ Original emphasis. Footnote omitted.

5. If you need legal assistance, you can visit the New Zealand Law Society's website (www.lawsociety.org.nz) where there is information on searching for a lawyer, or you can call the Law Society on (04) 472 7837.
6. Alternatively, you can visit your local Citizens Advice Bureau or Community Law Centre, which may be able to provide assistance with finding a lawyer or making a complaint. You can find the location of your local Citizens Advice Bureau by visiting www.cab.org.nz or calling 0800 367 222, and the location of your local Community Law Centre by visiting <http://communitylaw.org.nz>.
7. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to contact the Office of the Ombudsman can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

