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Official information request

Our ref: R00739

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), which we received on 15 January 2025. You requested the following:

“I would like to receive, please, under the official information act:

- *the total number of submissions on the Regulatory Standards Bill proposals*
- *how many submissions were against the proposals*
- *how many submissions were for the proposals.*

Please also advise, under the OIA, how many of the submissions raised concerns about the online submission form, and what were the concerns raised.”

Response

On 19 November 2024, the Ministry for Regulation (the Ministry) released a discussion document containing a set of questions to help inform the key components of a proposed Regulatory Standards Bill (the Bill). The submission process opened on 19 November 2024 and closed at 11:59pm on 13 January 2025.

Approximately 23,000 submissions were received. We are currently analysing these submissions, which given the volume, will take at least several weeks to complete. At this stage, we are unable to provide the number of submissions for, or against, the proposals as well as the number and nature of concerns that were raised relating to the online submission form.

It is important to note that while the Ministry provided a set of questions about the proposal and invited submissions through our [engagement hub](#), submitters were also free to articulate their feedback through other means and formats. It is possible that some submissions will require interpretation and have mixed, or even unclear views as to whether they have expressed overall support or opposition to the proposal.

Note that a report summarising the main themes from the submissions will be made available later in 2025 once it has been provided to the Minister for Regulation for consideration.

We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(d) of the OIA as information will be made publicly available.

Right of 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.

Please note that we may publish this response (with your details removed) on the Ministry's website.

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