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Official information request

Our ref: R00966

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request, which the Ministry for Regulation (Ministry) received on 19 May 2025. You requested:

According to the document: <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/assets/Publication-Documents/Information-Release-Summary-of-Submissions-for-proposed-Regulatory-Standards-Bill.pdf>

the Ministry under friend of s 9(2)(a) David Seymour chose to disregard any submission under 10,000 characters or not made on behalf of an organisation, iwi or hapū.

Please provide communications/documentation regarding how this criteria was arrived at (for example, discussions on how organizations were less opposed to the bill than individuals as determined by the LLM results, causing their inclusion, or the emails where it was noted it would be politically inconvenient to ignore Maori groups).

This should not be provided as a summary.

The Ministry did not disregard or ignore any submission on the discussion document, “Have your say on the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill.” All submissions, regardless of length or category of submitter, were analysed as part of the quantitative analysis process undertaken by the Ministry.

Appendix 1 in pages 42-44 of the published [Summary of Submissions](#)¹ explains the methodology, which the Ministry used in analysing all 22,281 submissions.

Submissions were analysed by staff members at the Ministry or the specialist consultancy the Ministry engaged. All emails received in the consultation inbox were read by Ministry staff and assessed to identify submissions on the discussion

¹ <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/about-us/our-publications/information-release-summary-of-submissions-for-proposed-regulatory-standards-bill/>

document, queries on the submissions process, Official Information Act requests, and other miscellaneous queries/requests. All submissions received through the online form (Citizen Space) were assessed for the characteristics above.

In addition to this, the Ministry undertook qualitative analysis on a sample of the submissions to summarise the main reasons for support and opposition to the proposed Bill, and feedback on specific proposals (the results of which are outlined in Sections 2 and 3 of the Summary of Submissions). This sample included all submissions made on behalf of organisations, iwi or hapū, and any other submission with over 10,000 characters. This involved the manual analysis of approximately 4.1 per cent of all submissions, which was 34.4 per cent of all text received. The sample was selected on the basis that submissions included were likely to have more detailed feedback on the components of the proposed Bill to inform the Ministry's qualitative analysis.

The Ministry then cross-checked findings of the quantitative and qualitative assessment as part of its quality assurance processes. Overall, the Ministry is confident that this analysis captured the full range of views given by submitters.

Alongside qualitative analysis on the sample of submissions indicated above, the Ministry additionally read hundreds of submissions that provided detailed feedback on aspects of the Bill, including from academics and legal experts.

Note the information explained above is also publicly available in the section of our website: [Submissions on the Regulatory Standards Bill discussion document](#).²

Additional information publicly available

The Ministry has proactively released a significant amount of information on the proposed Bill. You will find copies of briefing material and other key advice papers about the Bill in the section of our website: [Our publications | Ministry for Regulation](#)³. We have listed the titles and reference numbers of these papers in the attached **Appendix A** to assist you in searching for information that may be of interest to you. In addition, we are regularly updating the progress of our work on the Bill in the section of our website: [Our work | The Regulatory Standards Bill](#).⁴

We are preparing to proactively release further material about the Bill and these will be available in the publications page of our website as soon as they are approved for release.

² <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/regulatory-standards-bill/submissions-on-the-discussion-document/>

³ <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/about-us/our-publications/>

⁴ <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/regulatory-standards-bill/>

Right of review

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please contact hello@regulation.govt.nz.

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 for Regulation website.

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Table 1: Proactively Released - November/December 2024Publication link in website <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/about-us/our-publications>

	Date	Reference	Title
1.	15/12/2023	T2023/2064	Regulatory Standards Bill – Initial Advice and Options
2.	23/01/2024	nil	Regulatory Standards Bill: Slides for Meeting with Minister for Regulation on 23rd January
3.	05/02/2023	T2024/171	Regulatory Standards Bill – 100 Day Cabinet report-back
4.	19/02/2024	T2024/375	Agency consultation on draft Regulatory Standards Bill Cabinet paper
5.	Undated	nil	Cabinet Paper: Improving the Quality of New Zealand’s Regulation: Report Back on a New Regulatory Standards Bill
6.	27/02/2024	EXP-24-MIN-0003	Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee Minute of Decision - Improving the Quality of New Zealand’s Regulation: Report Back on a New Regulatory Standards Bill
7.	22/03/2024	T2024/763	Regulatory Standards Bill: Possible amendments
8.	12/04/2024	T2024/1020	Current State Regulatory Processes
9.	03/05/2024	2024-016	Regulatory Standards Bill: Possible approaches to embedding regulatory responsibility principles
10.	17/05/2024	2024-015	Possible approaches to public recourse mechanisms
11.	17/05/2024	2024-026	Current information gathering and inquiry powers
12.	24/05/2024	2024-041	Statutory powers for Ministry for Regulation reviews
13.	14/06/2024	2024-038	Options for a taking forward a Regulatory Standards Bill
14.	05/07/2024	2024-063	Further advice on a preferred option for a Regulatory Standards Bill
15.	05/07/2024	2024-060	Decision-making and implementation mechanisms for regulatory reviews
16.	26/07/2024	MFR2024-077	Alternative approach to providing for regulatory responsibility principles
17.	06/08/2024	MFR2024-092	Progressing the Regulatory Standards Bill
18.	14/08/2024	MFR2024-095	Proposed revisions to the principles in the 2021 Regulatory Standards Bill
19.	23/08/2024	MFR2024-078	Regulatory Standards Bill: Regulatory Reviews Statutory Framework
20.	13/09/2024	MFR2024-064	Agreeing to a consultation approach on the Regulatory Standards Bill
21.	13/09/2024	2024-103	The Regulatory Standards Bill and the Treaty of Waitangi
22.	13/09/2024	MFR2024-104	Further advice on the components of a Regulatory Standards Bill
23.	11/10/2024	MFR2024-130	Draft Regulatory Standards Bill Cabinet paper and discussion document for Ministerial consultation
24.	25/10/2024	MFR2024-145	Feedback from departmental consultation on the draft Regulatory Standards Bill Cabinet paper and discussion document
25.	Undated	nil	Information Release: Cabinet Paper CAB-24-SUB-0437 Approval to consult on a proposed approach to the Regulatory Standards Bill
	Undated	nil	[Cabinet paper] Approval to Consult on a proposed approach to the Regulatory Standards Bill
	10/2024	nil	[Discussion document] Have your say on the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill
	30/10/2024	nil	Interim Regulatory Impact Statement: Legislating to improve transparency of the quality of regulation
	Undated	nil	Annex 4: Preliminary Treaty Impact Analysis for the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill
	Undated	nil	Annex 5: Summary of substantive agency feedback

Table 2: Proactively Released - 7 May 2025

Publication link in website: [Information Release - Policy Approvals for Progressing a Regulatory Standards Bill May 2025 | Ministry for Regulation](#)

	Date	Reference	Title
26.	Undated	nil	[Cabinet paper] Policy Approvals for progressing a Regulatory Standards Bill
27.	05/2025	[Annex 1]	Summary of Submissions: Consultation on the proposed Regulatory Standards Bill
28.	26/03/2025	[Annex 2]	Regulatory Impact Statement: proposed Regulatory Standards Bill
29.	Undated	[Annex 3]	Annex Three: The Treaty of Waitangi/te Tiriti o Waitangi Impact Analysis for the Regulatory Standards Bill
30.	Undated	[Annex 5]	Annex Five: Summary of departmental feedback
31.	05/05/2025	CAB-25-MIN-0148	Cabinet Minute of Decision - Progressing a Regulatory Standards Bill: Policy Approvals

Table 3: Proactively Released - 20 May 2025

Publication link in website: <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/about-us/our-publications/regulatory-standards-bill-approval-for-introduction/>

	Date	Reference	Title
32.	Undated	nil	[Cabinet paper] Regulatory Standards Bill: Approval for Introduction
33.	19/05/2025	CAB-25-MIN-0165	Cabinet Minute of Decision - Regulatory Standards Bill: Approval for Introduction