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Official information request

Our ref: R001323

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Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request received by the Ministry or Regulation (Ministry) on 20 October 2025. You requested:

Copies of all briefings, emails, reports, notes, updates and other advice provided by the Ministry of Regulation to Ministers or their offices discussing changes to the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act and the paperwork associated with complying with that Act.

We understand your information request to be about our work as published on our [website](#)¹:
[Making it easier to care – Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act | Ministry for Regulation.](#)

Information released

The OIA allows agencies to supply requested information requested in a number of ways, such as excerpts of the material consistent with section 16(1)(e). In this case, excerpts are being provided to ensure that you receive the information most relevant to your request while redacting material that is outside the scope. Accordingly, excerpts of material relevant to your request are attached in **Appendix A**.

Information publicly available

Some information within scope of your request has been proactively released. Your request for the following documents is therefore refused under section 18(d) of the OIA, as the information is publicly available:

Item	Date	Document	Comment
1.	19/07/2024	MFR2024 080 Weekly Report 19 July ²	See page 9

¹ <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/what-weve-done/making-it-easier-to-care-protection-of-personal-and-property-rights-act/>

² <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/assets/Publication-Documents/MFR2024-080-Weekly-Report-19-July.pdf>

Item	Date	Document	Comment
2.	30/06/2025	Ministry for Regulation 2024-2025 Annual Report ³	See pages 7, 18-19, and 21
3.	Undated	Case study: Making it easier to care – Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act ⁴	

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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³ <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/assets/Publication-Documents/2024-2025-Ministry-for-Regulation-Annual-Report.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/assets/Publication-Documents/Protection-of-Personal-and-Property-Rights-Act-Thresholds-.pdf>

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Log of Regulatory Changes

Provided, via email, to the Minister's Office on 5 August 2025

Problem identified	Number of submissions	Financial year	Deregulatory outcome recommended by the Ministry for Regulation	Status of regulatory change recommended (at end of July 2025)
The income and asset thresholds for guardianship are too low	1	2024/2025	<p>The Ministry recommended that the income and asset thresholds for family members to manage the affairs of those lacking decision-making capacity under the Protection of Personal & Property Rights Act be raised.</p> <p>The intent of these changes would be to reduce the number of unnecessary property manager appointments, reducing time and financial costs for family members.</p>	<p>From October 2024, the income thresholds rose from \$20,000 to \$38,800 (and later to \$45,000), and the asset threshold rose from \$5,000 to \$25,000.</p> <p>A case study was published on the Ministry's website in 2025.</p>

Summary of Deliverables

Provided, via email, to the Minister's Office on 16 June 2025

What	Benefit to NZ	What we did	Why it's important
Protection of Personal and Property Rights	<p>Increased income threshold for carers who manage income and assets on behalf of someone from \$20k to \$38.8k</p> <p>(and up to \$45k in 5 years).</p>	<p>A significant regulatory burden was imposed on income or assets managed on behalf of someone else. MfR worked the Ministry of Justice to highlight these concerns and support changes to the income and asset thresholds.</p>	<p>This change is making life easier for parents and caregivers who step into this supporting role, allowing them to get on with what's important</p>

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Material to support Vote Regulation Budget Estimates

Sent to the Minister's Office on 30 May 2025

'We did a thing' – what has the Ministry done

Enduring Power of Attorney

- Under the Protection of Personal & Property Rights Act 1988 (PPPR Act), carers who manage income and assets on behalf of someone lacking decision-making capability were subjected to a range of regulation.
- One problem was the low thresholds at which the regulatory regime kicked in – the individual income threshold was \$20,000 and asset threshold was just \$5,000. A significant regulatory burden was imposed on income or assets managed on behalf of someone above these amounts.
- Once the threshold was met, the PPPR required the formal appointment of a property manager (process, time and energy costs), along with ongoing reporting and audit requirements.
- The Ministry considered the regime to be unnecessarily onerous for these very low income and asset threshold amounts, which hadn't been updated in years.
- The Ministry worked with its agency partner, the Ministry of Justice, to highlight these concerns and support changes to the income and asset thresholds.
- From 3 October 2024, income thresholds increased from \$20,000 to \$38,800 and will continue to rise in stages to \$45,000 over the next 5 years. The asset threshold was also increased from \$5,000 to \$25,000.