

Reference: 20220247

19 July 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request, received on 29 June 2022. You requested information regarding:

*two provisions of the predecessor Act, the New Zealand Society of Accountants Act 1958, that were not carried forward into the replacement Act in 1996.*

*These are:*

- S23(4)(a) of the 1958 Act which entitled the relevant committee to "Make or employ any person to make whatever preliminary inquiries it deems necessary ..."*
- S27(1) which entitled the relevant committee to make application for suspension without notice as in "-( 1) At any time after any matter involving any person who is a member or provisional member of the Society is referred to the Disciplinary Committee under this Act, the Disciplinary Committee may, of its own motion and without the necessity of giving any notice to that person, make an order that the person be suspended from membership or provisional membership of the Society..."*

*I assume there are policy papers of some sort (Cabinet papers, discussion documents, submissions or whatever) which show the reasoning for why these two provisions were essentially repealed.*

*I am not sure of the volume of documentation, if any, that explain the changes to the body corporate that transitioned from NZSA to NZICA. If there is a substantial amount, please let me know so that I can narrow my search*

We do not hold the information you have requested. In my view, it would have been necessary under section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request to the Parliamentary Counsel Office because the information you requested may be held by that agency. However, I am unable to transfer your request as Parliamentary Counsel Office is not subject to the OIA.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA because the information is not held.

As previously advised the only documents that we have located that may be within scope of your request are the items held by Archives New Zealand which were transferred from the Parliamentary Counsel Office. You have noted that these are likely documents about the wording of the statute rather than its policy formation.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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