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### Official Information Act request: Constitutional laws

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 9 October 2023 to the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry). Specifically, you requested:

*On the web page: <https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/learn-about-the-justice-system/how-the-justice-system-works/the-basis-for-all-law/> The NZ legislation which forms our constitution is listed. It also states that other aspects of the constitution are found in UK legislation and other NZ legislation. Please provide me with a list of the other UK and NZ legislation and any other documents that form the current New Zealand Constitution.*

In response to your request, all United Kingdom legislation that forms part of New Zealand law is outlined in the Imperial Laws Application Act 1988, specifically schedules 1 and 2. It is publicly available at: [legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1988/0112/latest/DLM135074.html](https://legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1988/0112/latest/DLM135074.html) All other New Zealand legislation of constitutional significance is available at: [legislation.govt.nz](https://legislation.govt.nz)

Additionally, you may want to consult the *Cabinet Manual*, which is the primary source of information about New Zealand's government and constitutional arrangements at: [dpmc.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual](https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-business-units/cabinet-office/supporting-work-cabinet/cabinet-manual)

You may also want to consult the latest edition of Professor Philip Joseph's book, *Joseph on Constitutional and Administrative Law in New Zealand* (2021, 5th edition). It is available in most major public libraries.

There is also helpful information on the Ministry of Justice website at:

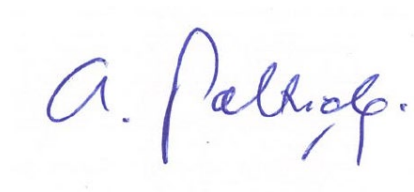
- [justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/regulatory-stewardship/regulatory-systems/](https://justice.govt.nz/justice-sector-policy/regulatory-stewardship/regulatory-systems/)
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As the information you have sought is publicly available, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses](https://justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/oia-responses)

You have the right under section 28 of the Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [ombudsman.parliament.nz](https://ombudsman.parliament.nz) or call 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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**Team Leader, Ministerial Relations and Services**