

Subject: RE: OIA 2025/10: LDAC and the Regulatory Standards Bill - No response received to date?
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Thank you for your email. We regret the delay in responding.

Your request for official information is better directed to the agency responsible. In respect of the Regulatory Standards Bill, we understand this would be the Ministry for Regulation.

The Legislation Design and Advisory Committee (LDAC) engages with departments on a confidential basis. Any advice, and the information on which that advice is based, would be agency information. The agency in question is also in the best position to determine whether to withhold information on the grounds specified in the OIA (if any such information should exist).

As an aside, we note that LDAC does not hold any information. To the extent that any information held on behalf of LDAC is held by PCO who hosts the LDAC Secretariat. PCO is not subject to the OIA.

In response to your general questions about the operations of the LDAC:

- 1) The 2024 annual report is now available on the LDAC website:
<https://www.ldac.org.nz/about/annual-reports>
- 2) Yes, the Legislation Design and Advisory Committee is the product of the merging of the Legislation Advisory Committee and the Legislation Design Committee (which had been established in 2006 to compliment the LAC). More information can be found on the LDAC website. [LDAC terms of reference](#)
- 3) The number of Bills engaged on each year is reported in our Annual Reports. These can be found on our website here: <https://www.ldac.org.nz/about/annual-reports> and here: [Annual reports archive](#).
- 4) LDAC identifies Bills for consultation through the annual legislation programme. While there is no requirement or expectation that Departments engage with the LDAC, officials must indicate whether they intend to refer a Bill to LDAC in legislation bids seeking priority for a Bill on the legislation programme.
- 5) LDAC advises departments early in the development of policy and legislation so that advice can be incorporated into legislation design and a department's instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office and changes can be made before the Bill's introduction to Parliament. In addition, LDAC reviews Government Bills against the Legislation Guidelines after their introduction into the House. If the review raises issues of inconsistency with the Legislation Guidelines, LDAC may make a submission to the relevant select committee.

I hope this is of some assistance.

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