

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE HOKORIAN STATE
Civil Jurisdiction under Section 11 of the Hokorian Courts Act 2025**THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ARŌNIS NAN RŪVAS MA CStH***Plaintiff*

v.

THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURY*Defendant***STATEMENT OF CLAIM****PART I- JURISDICTION**

1. This Honourable Court is seized of jurisdiction pursuant to Section 11 of the Hokorian Courts Act 2025, having absolute authority over all civil matters within the Hokorian State.
2. This proceeding is commenced in accordance with Section 13 of the Hokorian Courts Act 2025 by written application to the Court Clerk.

PART II- THE PARTIES

3. The Plaintiff, The Right Honourable Arōnis nan Rūvas MA CStH, is a Hokorian citizen and public figure entitled to all constitutional rights afforded to Hokorians.
4. The Defendant, The Office of the Treasury, is a public authority of the Hokorian State responsible for matters of national finance and economic administration.

PART III- FACTS

5. On a date prior to the constitutional amendment cited herein, the Plaintiff made a formal written request to the Defendant for: "The release of all data relating to Hokoria's finances and economic situation in the national interest."
6. At the time of the request, Section 11.3 of the Constitution of the Hokorian State provided:

“Every Hokorian shall have the right to access documents and recordings written by and in the possession of the authorities.”

7. Subsequent to the Plaintiff’s request, the Constitution was amended to provide:

“Every Hokorian shall have the right to obtain access to documents and recordings held by the Government, the Koru’s Office, and the Assembly. This right may be limited where disclosure would risk national security, public order, or the dignity of the State, except where access is otherwise permitted by law or is directed by the Koru of the Hokorian State.”

8. The Defendant, acting through the Lord High Treasurer, refused the Plaintiff’s request on the stated ground that disclosure would violate national security and that the refusal was made “in the national interest”.
9. No formal classification, security assessment, partial disclosure, or redaction process was undertaken prior to refusal.

PART IV- CAUSE OF ACTION

10. The Plaintiff says that:
 - a. His request was lawfully made under the Constitution as it stood at the time of application;
 - b. The subsequent amendment does not extinguish accrued constitutional rights;
 - c. The Defendant bears the burden of demonstrating a genuine and proportionate risk to national security;
 - d. A blanket refusal of “all data” without assessment is unconstitutional, arbitrary and disproportionate;
 - e. The refusal violates both the original and amended constitutional guarantees of access.

PART V- RELIEF SOUGHT

The Plaintiff respectfully seeks the following orders:

1. A declaration that the Defendant's refusal is unconstitutional and of no effect;
2. An order compelling the Defendant to:
 - a. Conduct a lawful review of the requested materials;
 - b. Disclose all information not demonstrably injurious to national security, public order, or the dignity of the State;
3. Such further or alternative relief as this Honourable Court deems just;
4. Costs of this action.

PART VI- ELECTION

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Hokorian Courts Act 2025, the Plaintiff elects:

Trial by Jury
 ~~Trial before a Justice alone~~

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Plaintiff

The Right Honourable Arōnis nan Rūvas MA CStH
Plaintiff

January 4, 2025