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Dear Ms Raue

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *"An unredacted copy of the Cabinet Paper 'Vulnerable Children's Bill: Overview Paper', prepared by Hon. Paula Bennett on the Vulnerable Children's Bill."*

The Ministry has reviewed the material which was withheld from the redacted version of 'Vulnerable Children's Bill: Overview Paper' which is, as you know, publicly available on the Ministry's website at [www.msd.govt.nz](http://www.msd.govt.nz).

I have considered your request to release this document to you in full, but have determined that it is necessary to continue to withhold the material contained in paragraphs 58 to 60 and 61 to 63 of the Cabinet Paper.

As work is still underway regarding paragraphs 58 to 60, I am withholding this information under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act as it is under active consideration. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the quality of information received and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

Paragraphs 61 to 63 contain legal advice and are withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the Act in order to maintain legal professional privilege. The greater public interest is in ensuring that government agencies can continue to obtain confidential legal advice.

I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful on this occasion. You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
PO Box 10-152  
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Yours sincerely

Hon Paula Bennett  
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