

24 February 2020

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Dear Mr Nielson

Thank you for your email of 6 December 2019 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

All correspondence between the Chief Executive of Housing New Zealand and the Chief Executive of MSD regarding the Social Housing Reform Programme between 2014 and 2017.

All correspondence between the Chief Executive of Housing New Zealand and Hon Bill English regarding the Social Housing Reform Programme between 2014 and 2017.

This may take the form of emails, papers, reports, memos etc.

I have interpreted your request to be for correspondence only between the Housing New Zealand Chief Executive and Hon Bill English or the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) Chief Executive. I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as *“the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found”*.

Please note that this response does not include correspondence where the CE may have received a copy. To provide this information would require substantial research and collation and would be refused under section 18(f) of the Act.

It might be helpful to explain that the relationship relating to the Social Housing Reform Programme was between Ministers and the Housing New Zealand Board. Treasury and MSD led the programme on behalf of the Government at the time.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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