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Dear Matthew

Thank you for your email dated 29 March 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the OIA, I request information on all advice you, or your officials, have received since your appointment as Minister of Housing on possible and/or actual shortages of materials required for building houses in New Zealand.

Such materials include but are not limited to timber, concrete, cement, plaster, home and appliances.

By advice, I mean formal written advice based on data collection and analysis. But I also include more informal advice, including verbal advice, and that based on anecdote.

You or your officials may have become aware of such advice in other capacities, such as a member of the Labour Party caucus or in their private capacities, which are not covered by the OIA. However, in becoming aware of such advice in those capacities, you also became aware of it in your ministerial and official capacities and so my request covers such advice.

I regularly meet with and receive advice from officials on matters relating to my portfolio responsibilities. As well as this I regularly meet with a range of stakeholders such as developers, building companies and others involved in the wider construction industry. Such meetings provide opportunity for stakeholders to brief me on issues that may arise in their line of work. I also engage regularly with the Minister for Building and Construction, who holds primary responsibility for matters relating to the construction sector.

I have received advice in my capacity as Co-Chair of the Construction Sector Accord. The Construction Sector Progress Report for December 2020 is available online here; <https://www.constructionaccord.nz/progress/2020-construction-sector-progress-report/>

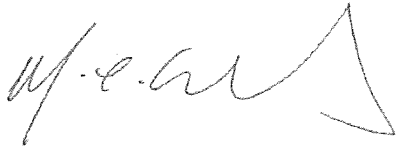
On 31 March 2021 I received an ad hoc report from Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities dated [ref AH 21 024] regarding constructions materials supply chain – risk and management attached at Annex A. While this is outside the timeframe covered by your request, in the spirit of the Act I am providing you with this briefing for your information.

No information is withheld from this document.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Woods', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Dr Megan Woods
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