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M.D Watts
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Dear M.D Watts

I am writing in response to your email of 15 October 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information pertaining to official advice on the Children's Commissioner's Expert Advisory Group's report into child poverty.

All emails, written correspondence and telephone conversation notes and transcripts between the Ministry of Social Development and the Minister of Social Development or her Office regarding the release of information to Radio NZ under the OIA of advice on the Children's Commissioner's Expert Advisory Group's report into child poverty.

Your request for emails and written correspondence between the Ministry of Social Development and the former Minister for Social Development and her Office regarding the release of information to Radio NZ under the Official Information Act of advice on the Children's Commissioner's Expert Advisory Group's report into child poverty, is refused section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to protect the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions. I believe the greater public interest is in the ability of individuals to express opinions in the course of their duty.

Telephone conversation notes and transcripts between the Ministry of Social Development and the Minister of Social Development or her Office, are refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as this information does not exist. Section 18(e) of the Act applies where the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or cannot be found.

I am sorry I could not be more helpful in this instance. 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
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

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