



23 March 2026

Tēnā koe James

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 24 February 2026, requesting information about the number of times the current MP for Central Auckland has met with the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) Auckland management to discuss homelessness in Auckland's CBD in the last 18 months.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on your request set out below.

The Ministry were unable to find any record of any direct meetings between the Ministry's Auckland Regional Commissioner's and Regional Director's and the MP for Auckland Central regarding homelessness in Auckland's CBD. As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as this information does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

We note that we are aware that the MP for Central Auckland attended four Auckland City Central Safety stakeholder meetings over the past 18 months, chaired by the Minister of Auckland. Also, in attendance of these meetings was one of the Ministry's Regional Commissioners, who attended in her capacity as Regional Public Service Commissioner and as a Ministry representative.

These are multi-agency forums involving government agencies, Auckland Council, iwi representatives, city centre business and community providers, and they included a focus on homelessness among other city-centre issues. I do not consider that these meetings are in scope of your request.

We would like to note that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development are the lead agency for homelessness, and the responsible minister is Hon Chris Bishop.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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