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Miss M Quicken

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Dear Miss M Quicken

## Official Information request for information from the Ministry of Regulation

I refer to your Official information request dated 19 May 2026 for:

*“A) Briefings or formal submissions received through or by the Ministry for Regulation relating to building consents requirement external walls insulation.*

*I would like to understand from your point of view what you have, as the minister for local government or energy, received from ministry of regulation to address these regulatory redundancies in the local government side.*

*This given local government effectively implements building act consent process.*

*I also would like to invite the minister to provide his view on this matter if they would like to do so publicly.”*

Unfortunately, my Office does not hold the information you requested. I have contacted Minister Seymour’s Office in relation to this matter and understand they do not hold the requested information within their Office either.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act (OIA) as the information is not held.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hon Simon Watts  
Minister of Local Government