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Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority

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Dear Mr Harris

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request, received on 29 June 2012. You requested the following:

"all advice and correspondence (including briefings to the Minister, Cabinet papers, internal reports, aide memoires etc) relating to pressure in the Christchurch housing market and CERA's response to it"

As you are aware, this request was previously extended by 20 working days.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description
1.	13/02/12	Briefing, "Update on Land supply for housing", M/12/0232
2.	22/03/12	Memo, "Planning and consenting guidance and framework for worker accommodation", M/12/0298
3.	28/03/12	Briefing, "Relocation of Crown-acquired dwellings for temporary accommodation", M/12/0309
4.	25/05/12	Briefing, "Rebuild Workforce and Displaced Resident Accommodation", M/12/0397
5.	Assembled by CERA	Relevant excerpts from Weekly Status Updates from the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials;
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinion; and
- section 9(2)(j) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Please note that the briefing, *“Update on Land supply for housing”* was not approved by the Minister for Canterbury Earthquake Recovery.

Please note that figures provided in paragraphs 24, 26 and 27 of the briefing titled *“Rebuild Workforce and Displaced Resident Accommodation”* are now out-dated, and that much of the information provided in *“Relevant excerpts from Weekly Status Updates from the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority”* contains figures and statistics that are updated on a weekly basis.

Information to be withheld

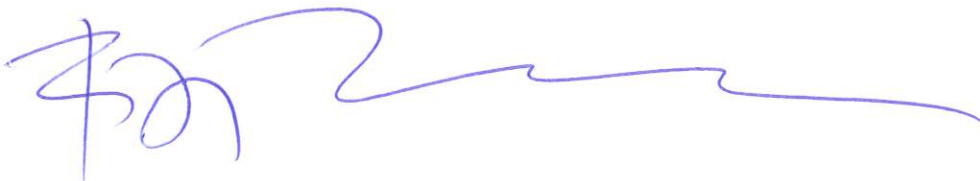
There are additional documents covered by your request that I have decided to withhold in full under the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- advice still under consideration, under section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials;
- free and frank advice, under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials; and
- correspondence with members of the public, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely



Roger Sutton
Chief Executive