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Dear Hannah

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on by the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) on 15 April 2016. You requested:

1. *"How much money did CERA pay to acquire the land and the Calendar girls premises, 196 Hereford Street?"*
2. *Did CERA provide any financial compensation for any loss of business?"*
3. *Did CERA make a financial contribution to the new Calendar Girls premises in Victoria Street?"*

Your request was transferred by CERA to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet due to CERA ceasing operations before a decision could be made on your full request.

1. After the designation of the East Frame, CERA entered into negotiations to acquire 196 Hereford Street and purchased the property (land and buildings) for \$4,350,000 plus GST (if any).
2. CERA paid no compensation for business loss under either the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Act 2011, or the Public Works Act 1981 to any party in connection with the property at 196 Hereford St.
3. CERA did not make a financial contribution to the new Calendar Girls premises.

Under section 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information, and section 9(2)(j), to enable commercial negotiations to be carried out without prejudice or disadvantage, I am withholding information that falls within your first question.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

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

Yours sincerely

Kelvan Smith  
**Director**  
**Greater Christchurch Group**