



**Ministry of Business,  
Innovation & Employment**

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Dear Mr Millar

Thank you for your email which was received on 10 December 2012 concerning an Official Information Act request. You requested the following information held by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry, formerly the Department of Building and Housing).

- 1 How many requests have been made by Geneva Finance, Stellar Collections or people on behalf of those two companies in the last 12 months? If there is no stated relationship with these companies but there was suspicion I would request this included separately.
- 2 Of the requests made in (1) please provide a breakdown of successful vs. unsuccessful and the reason for declined requests.
- 3 While (1) and (2) related specifically to Geneva Finance and Stellar Collections, I would also like an estimate of the total number of requests the Ministry receives from finance companies and collection agencies overall.
- 4 Details of your policies regarding requests from finance companies and collections agencies and any cases where these policies have been breached.

Over the past 12 months the Ministry has received one Official Information Act request, for address information from our tenancy databases, from Stellar Collections, on behalf of Geneva Finance. This request was transferred to Housing New Zealand Corporation as the request was more closely aligned with the functions of Housing New Zealand Corporation.

Over the past 12 months the Ministry has received approximately 20 Official Information Act requests, for address information from our tenancy databases, from finance companies and collection agencies.

Every request received by the Ministry from finance companies and collections agencies is assessed and dealt with on a case by case basis. The Ministry is bound by both the Privacy Act 1993 and Official Information Act 1982, which legislate how we action such requests. We are not aware of any breaches regarding these requests.

This fully covers the information you requested.

Yours sincerely



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