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Tēnā koe Mr Preston

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Is Auckland Council complying with the Public Records Act 2005?*
- *If Auckland Council are complying in part - but not fully, which sections of the Public Records Act are they not complying (fully) with?*
- *Since when have they not been complying?*
- *Is there any reasonable explanation given by Auckland Council for their non-compliance with the Public Records Act?*
- *What measures need to be taken by Auckland Council to ensure that they are fully compliant with the Public Records Act?*
- *Is it within the powers of the Ministry of Local Government to enforce compliance by Auckland Council with the Public Records Act 2005?*
- *If it is not within the powers of the Ministry of Local Government to enforce compliance, who does that power lie with?*

The Department of Internal Affairs is responsible for the administration of the Public Records Act 2005 (PRA). Among other things, the PRA provides for the establishment of Archives New Zealand, and empowers the Chief Archivist to issue, review, amend or revoke standards for local authority records and archives; and to inspect local authority records and archives.

I am advised that Archives New Zealand provided a response to your questions on 12 June 2018. On that basis I am refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information you have requested is already publicly available.

If you are dissatisfied with this response you have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act. The contact address is: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Heoi anō

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nanaia Mahuta', written in a cursive style.

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Local Government