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Thank you for your email of 27 June 2018, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

As far as we can ascertain the museum building (108 Gala Street, Invercargill) has not been listed on the National Register of EPB by the ICC. One of the reasons given by the Chief Executive for this not being done to-date is that "as the Government is still providing guidance and updating the checklists to be used, the Council is not yet in a position to classify a building as earthquake prone".

The section in italics above is lifted directly from the ICC Chief Executives report dated 9 April, Page 3 (which is part reproduced for your convenience below). In short the report stated that the building was considered as being earthquake prone and as such recommended to Council that the ICC staff be withdrawn without any delay.

With regard to the above would you please advise:

- 1. Specifically, what guidance and checklists you are presently preparing – or are yet to prepare – to allow the ICC to classify the museum building as earthquake prone.*
- 2. What is the expected time-frame for you to provide this information to the ICC?*
- 3. As a related aside please advise the number of buildings nationwide presently on the EPB Register.*

In response to part 1 and 2

In July 2017 the [EPB methodology](#) was published on the building.govt.nz website. This methodology sets the process councils should follow to determine if a building is earthquake prone. Additional tools, including checklists, are available for councils on the EPB register. This guidance and the checklists remain current for the classification of any building as earthquake prone.

In response to part 3

The number of buildings presently on the EPB Register is 1969. A register of earthquake-prone buildings can be found on the link below. Go to the register and then 'search by all regions'. It gives the total at the top. <https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/epb-register/>.

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You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to request a review by the Ombudsman.
The relevant details are:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Campbell', written in a cursive style.

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