



3rd December 2024

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Ref: OIA-2024/25-0491

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request relating to letter from former Earthquake Recovery Minister to former Mayor of Christchurch

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, received on 25 November 2024. You requested:

“...a copy of any response(s) issued by/on behalf of the-then Earthquake Recovery Minister, the Hon. Gerry Brownlee, to the attached letter dated 13 July 2012 from the Christchurch City Council, requesting the establishment of an insurance advocacy service for the people of Christchurch...”

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) has completed a search of its document management systems for the requested document. As the document was unable to be located, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act – on the basis the document requested cannot be found.

In these circumstances, we would usually consider transferring your request to Christchurch City Council under section 14 of the Act, as any reply that was sent to the former Mayor likely would have been received by the Council. However, DPMC has consulted with Christchurch City Council, and understand that it does not hold the requested document either.

As information held by former Ministers is transferred to Archives New Zealand, you may wish to search online at: www.archives.govt.nz.

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

This response will be published on DPMC's during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

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