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Tēnā koe Jim

Thank you for your email of 4 April 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982. Specifically, I am seeking details of any meetings and communications that any MBIE official has had with the New Zealand Tiny House Association within a specified time frame.*

*To assist you in processing this request, I have outlined the specific information sought below:*

- *Dates of any meetings between MBIE officials and representatives of the New Zealand Tiny House Association.*
- *Copies of minutes or notes taken during these meetings.*
- *Details of any email communications exchanged between MBIE officials and representatives of the New Zealand Tiny House Association.*

*I am particularly interested in understanding the nature of the discussions and any outcomes or actions resulting from these interactions.*

*I would appreciate it if the information could cover the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2024*

MBIE has not identified any meetings with representatives of the New Zealand Tiny House Association that occurred within the timeframe requested. Therefore, I am refusing your request for dates of meetings and copies of minutes of meetings under section 18(e), as the requested information does not exist.

MBIE has identified two documents in scope of your request. Please find the requested information attached. Some information has been withheld under the following section of the Act:

9(2)(a): to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

**Document schedule:**

Date	Title	Withholding/refusal sections used
11/4/2023	Email: <i>Exploring MBIE's help to create THOW acceptable solution under Building Act</i>	9(2)(a)
18/12/2024	Email: <i>Re: Formal request for inclusion in NZ Building Code amendment process</i>	9(2)(a)

In terms of section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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