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Dr Tony Enright
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Dear Dr Enright

Thank you for your email of 5 November 2017 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

I request all communications between Michael Belsham of MBIE and Auckland Council regarding the topic of fire safety of tall buildings in general and the development known as Customs Residential on Customs Street East, Auckland in particular.

The period of interest is from 1 November 2015 to the present. (I understand that Mr Belsham no longer works at MBIE but I am unsure of the precise departure date).

A search of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) information system, identified a substantial number of documents, which may have been in scope of your 5 November 2017 request. MBIE advised you of this, and on 8 November 2017 you agreed with the following amended scope:

Information between Mr Belsham of MBIE and Mr Claridge of Auckland Council regarding tall buildings and fire engineering.

Enclosed are 27 documents that fall within the amended scope of your request. Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(b)(ii) – protect information where the making available of the information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

Where information has been withheld for section 9 reasons, in terms of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold 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 under section 28(3) of the Act to request a review by the Ombudsman. The relevant details can be found here: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

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