

**NATIONAL OFFICE WELLINGTON**

80 Boulcott Street  
PO Box 2628, Wellington 6140  
Free phone 0800 801 601  
Tel 04 439 3000  
[www.hnzc.co.nz](http://www.hnzc.co.nz)

11 February 2013

David Burgess  
fyi-request-709-240fe96d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Burgess

Thank you for your letter of 20 December 2012 to Housing New Zealand Corporation requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982. You ask for:

- "1. What personal information does the Housing Corporation hold on its tenants?*
- 2. Does the Corporation share any information on its tenants with any other agencies, if so whom?*
- 3. Does the Corporation send information on tenants to Veda Advantage or any other credit agency, and if so, may tenants "opt-out" of this data sharing?*
- 4. Does the Corporation ever provide finance companies, debt collection agencies, or other agencies with personal information or address data on its tenants? If so how many releases were made in the last year?*
- 5. Who has requested personal information on tenants from the Corporation?*
- 6. When a tenant leaves Corporation housing is their personal information retained?"*

I am extending the timeframe for responding to your request by up to a further 20 working days under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, which provides that a time limit may be extended if:

*"consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit."*

You have the right under section 28 of the Act to ask an Ombudsman to review my decision to extend the timeframe for responding to your request.

Yours sincerely



**Alicia Long**  
Advisor, Government Relations