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Dear Grace Haden

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 20 September 2013 relating to Royal New Zealand Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RNZSPCA) animal welfare appointments.

Your request for the names of RNZSPCA inspectors and auxiliary officers is refused pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, in order to protect the privacy of natural persons and section 9(2)(ba)(ii) of the Official Information Act, to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence, where making available of the information would be likely to damage the public interest.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our decision to withhold information. A request must be made in writing to:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10 152
WELLINGTON

Your official information request of 29 October 2013 relating to the legal names of SPCA branches and member societies will be considered and an answer provided in accordance with the requirements of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Stone

Director Animal & Animal Products