

22 October 2020

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Dear S Rowe

Official Information Act 1982 Request

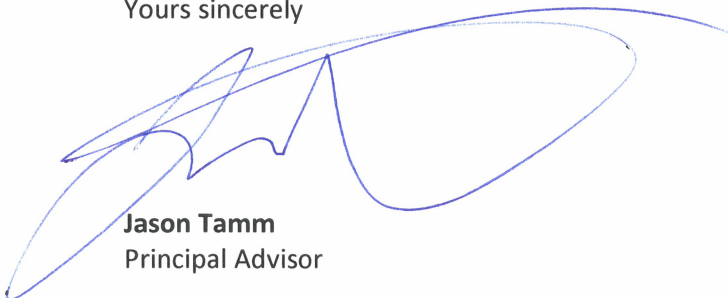
Thank you for your request for information received on 13 October 2020. You requested that the Earthquake Commission (EQC) make available information about the operating arrangements between EQC and Southern Response under the Official Information Act 1982.

You submitted 40 questions via the FYI website. We are interpreting the time frame of your request as the period since the EQC and Southern Response agreement started, 1 January 2020. We have also interpreted your questions as ones that only relate to claims where we are acting as Southern Response's agents.

In order to ensure we are able to provide the best response to your request, we are also seeking clarification on questions 23 and 24. In these questions you refer to "*independent damage assessments*". That is not a term used by the Commission and it would be helpful to understand exactly what kind of assessment you are referring to, in particular who you understand conducts those assessments and what purpose such assessments serve.

If you can please respond to this letter by Friday 30 October 2020 so that we may process your request. If we have not received the above clarifications by this date, we will process your request as it is presently framed which may ultimately result in a refusal under the OIA on this aspect.

Yours sincerely



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