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Mr Nick Palmer

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Dear Mr Palmer

Thank you for your email of 31 May 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

How additionality is measured with Developers when you are looking to underwrite kiwibuild homes? I would like to request the paperwork for all additionality tests you have done with current and previous contracted underwrites.

'Additionality' is a term used to refer to the primary objective of the KiwiBuild programme as laid out in the KiwiBuild business case: "increase the supply of dwellings at affordable price points for first time, entry-level buyers". There is no single "additionality assessment" to provide a copy of – proposals are assessed for their contribution to the overall objective of the programme and negotiated as part of a commercial negotiation, and the materials generated in that process are commercially confidential. Releasing information provided to the Crown in that process would deter third parties from providing such information and compromise the Crown's position in future commercial negotiations. Therefore, we are refusing your request under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, to protect the information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act 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 of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Phil Twyford

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