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Dear NZ Paranormal Investigators et al

### **Your Official Information Act request 19/20-0242**

I write regarding your Official Information Act (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department) on 16 September 2019.

You have requested:

- 1. All information that you hold about potential paranormal/supernatural/haunting related occurrences in this building and its surrounds. This includes anything that your staff have perceived or suspected may be of this nature even if DIA does not share their perceptions. This includes any notes, records, meeting minutes or records, communications to staff, concerns raised by staff and internal discussions such as on intranets or DIA message boards.*
- 2. Full information regarding any reports of unusual environmental observations*
- 3. Hard data from your aircon temperature sensors, any electromagnetic sensory equipment you may have and any and all other environmental monitoring mechanisms that you have in place, going back to when you first moved into the building in 2017. This needs to be broken down into absolute detail*
- 4. Information about any measures that you have taken, plan to take or are/have considered taking to examine and/or alleviate a potential paranormal situation*

### **Response to your request**

We have checked our records for the building at 45 Pipitea Street, Wellington since we occupied the building in 2017.

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On 8 July 2019 there was a post entitled “So there is no easy way to ask this ... Ghosts?” on our Staff Intranet Forum. It is included as part of this response. We have withheld the names and photographs of the staff members who posted under s9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons. Note that the staff member who posted a photograph is no longer working at the Department and the link to the photograph is not active.

There is no other information held by the Department for this site in the time period you specified.

2. *Full information regarding any reports of unusual environmental observations*

We have not received any reports of unusual environmental observations.

3. *Hard data from your aircon temperature sensors, any electromagnetic sensory equipment you may have and any and all other environmental monitoring mechanisms that you have in place, going back to when you first moved into the building in 2017. This needs to be broken down into absolute detail*

The Department does not collect data around air conditioning temperature sensors for the building at 45 Pipitea St as these are landlord-controlled systems. There are no other environmental monitoring mechanisms in place that the Department holds for this site.

4. *Information about any measures that you have taken, plan to take or are/have considered taking to examine and/or alleviate a potential paranormal situation*

There is nothing in place to deal specifically with this issue. If it arose, we would work through this like any other issue and liaise with the appropriate groups.

If you have any feedback or questions about the Department’s response, please let us know at [OIA@dia.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@dia.govt.nz)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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# Extract of text from the Department of Internal Affairs internet Staff Forum

NOTE: staff names and photos have been withheld under s9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons

Names have been replaced with a staff #. Where staff have made multiple comments, they are referred to with the same staff #.

Original Post

Mon, 08/07/2019

There appear to be a few online forum posts that suggest there maybe a haunting?? Do you have any stories or experiences?

\*\*Anyone in Pipitea had any streange unexplained occurances?? (apart from food going missing out of the fridge ;)\*\*

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Fri, 26/07/2019 - 12:02pm

Staff member #1

Post number #1

What I want to know is how these entities are getting into DIA buildings without identity cards

What are Security and Property doing about it?

If blessings are just an ask, then why even have them, we need ghost busters instead!

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Fri, 26/07/2019 - 8:48am

Staff Member #2

Post number #2

Spirits can get attached to places, people and things. Not necessarily in a negative way. In fact, most of the time not in a negative way.

Blessings "ask" permission of the spirits they do not necessarily banish them. I would be interested to hear the stories too. Happy to chat :)

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Thu, 25/07/2019 - 3:32pm

Staff member #3

Post number #3

I can confirm I have seen a spectre around level 13.  
It stared at through me just long enough for me to take a quick photo.

It is errily clear, but not for the easily scared.  
PM me if you would like to see for yourself.

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Fri, 26/07/2019 - 8:49am

Staff member #4

Post number #4

Scared the heebie jeebies out of me.

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Fri, 26/07/2019 - 5:04pm

Staff member #3

Post number #5

By popular demand here is the spectre.  
Please contact me for further images

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Tue, 09/07/2019 - 8:47am  
 Staff member #5  
 Post number #6

Well, as you know we have the infamous lower level 1 ghost here at Archives Wellington. You get on the lift at lower level 2, press to head up to one of the higher levels and the door closes. As the lift starts to move the number on the floor counter inside the lift flickers and the doors open on lower level 1, no one is there it is dark and you either stand there unsure of what to do or mash the close door button before something gets in. The doors close and then you continue to your desired floor.

If you are after something more personal and outside of work, flick me a message and we can have a chat. I am sure I have a few stories I can share with you.

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Tue, 09/07/2019 - 11:43am  
 Staff member #6  
 Post number #7

Cool. Auckland Archives doesn't seem to have any noticeable ghostly happenings. Who do you think the Lower Level 1 Ghost is?

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Tue, 09/07/2019 - 11:30am

Staff member #7

Post number #8

probably just a malfunctioning lift...

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Tue, 09/07/2019 - 9:29am

OP

Post number #9

Oh yeah! i have totally experienced that .....love how you also "mash the close door button" as well  
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Mon, 08/07/2019 - 5:42pm

Staff member #8

Post number #10

So it's like 2am after a long night.  
Exhausted and sleep deprived I can almost see demons in the shadows.  
I hear my door handle turn.  
I start to panic thinking the devil has finally come to drag my arse to hell.  
My brother walks in and asks if I'm keen for a maccas run.

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Mon, 08/07/2019 - 2:56pm

Staff member #9

Post number #11

I'm pretty sure a ghost stole my food from the kitchen.



Mon, 08/07/2019 - 1:53pm

Staff member #10

Post number #12

As a serials cataloguer I've been going back and forth to various serials stack areas in the National Library, including the basement, for many years. I've never experienced any spooky phenomena.



Mon, 08/07/2019 - 12:54pm

OP

Post number #13

We have heard some rumours....and are just wondering if anyone has experienced anything?



Tue, 09/07/2019 - 12:44pm

Staff member #6

Post number #14

What are the rumours and where is the alledged haunting?

Working at Archives in Auckland doesn't feel spooky, but then it would've been blessed before opening on its current site in 2007.

In saying that we have had belongings go missing and I joke that a ghost has taken them





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Mon, 08/07/2019 - 12:43pm

Staff member #6

Post number #15

Interesting question. Have you seen something spooky?

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