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Dear Mr Grove

Thank you for your second request of two dated 1 July 2020, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*On 31 August 2002 the Overview Group on the Weathertightness of Buildings that had been appointed by the Building Industry Authority ("the BIA") recommended to the BIA that it research whether there were any "issues regarding the structural strength and durability with respect to the maturity of timber", - I would like copies of any research/consultation undertaken and/or conclusions/determinations or other actions made by the BIA as a result of that recommendation, - in particular in relation to assessing the impact of the altered properties of second rotation radiata pine (i.e. radiata pine harvested after in or about 1988) compared to first rotation radiata pine (i.e. radiata pine harvested prior to in or about 1988).*

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has considered this request under the provisions of the Act, and refuses your request under section 18(e) of the Act. This is because a reasonable search of MBIE's records has failed to locate the information you have requested.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. 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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