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Dear Mr Mills

Thank you for your email of 9 September in which you make the following Official Information Act (OIA) request:

"I would like to be forwarded all documents relating to the 1999 sale of what was formerly known as Housing NZ Ltd's housing stock in Wairarapa to what is now known as Trust House Ltd.

This can include sale contracts, press releases, discussion documents, tender documents, advice to ministers and the like.

I accept that commercial sensitivity will constrain the information that can be given to me."

Twenty documents have been identified within the scope of your request.

I am providing you with 14 of these documents and withholding six documents in full. Some information has also been withheld from the documents being provided to you. The attached table lists the documents with the applicable withholding grounds under the OIA. The information that has been withheld primarily consists of legal advice, commercial information and risk assessments. I do not consider that the public interest in the release of this information outweighs the need to withhold it.

Please note that two documents contain some information that is outside the scope of your request and this has been removed.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Kelly
Manager Government Relations

Documents provided

#	Date	Title/ description	Withholding ground
1	19/12/1998	Agreement for sale and purchase of realestate	S9(2)(ba) <i>Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence</i>
2	24/09/2004	BN/04/106	N/A
3	17/12/1998	Board paper – Wairarapa Community Trust	S9(2)(g)(i) <i>maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions</i>
4	26/11/1998	Negotiating Brief	S9(2)(ba) <i>Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence</i> S9(2)(a) <i>protect the privacy of natural persons</i>
5	18/03/1999	Process for Tenanted Sales	N/A
6	Undated	Draft Communications Plan	S9(2)(g)(i) <i>maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions</i>
7	23/03/1999	Notes: Meeting to Review Sale to Trust House	S9(2)(g)(i) <i>maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions</i> S9(2)(ba) <i>Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence</i>
8	04/11/2009	Fact Sheet –basic details of the Sale of the Wairarapa portfolio to the Masterton Licensing Trust (Trust House Limited)	S9(2)(ba) <i>Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence</i>
9	06/03/2006	Briefing for Prime Minister - Prime Minister's Visit to Wairarapa	N/A
10	12/06/2000	PriceWaterHouseCoopers: Review of the Community Partnership Programme - Sale of Properties in the Wairarapa	S9(2)(ba) <i>Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence</i> S9(2)(b)(II) <i>would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information</i>

11	Undated	Sale of the Wairarapa state rental portfolio to Trust House in 1999 Note: this is also the attachment to doc 14	<i>S9(2)(ba) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence</i>
12	22/12/1998	Beehive press release: Community Trusts to acquire Housing New Zealand properties	N/A
13	30/01/2019	Email exchange between Housing New Zealand and office of the Minister of Housing	<i>S9(2)(ba) Protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence</i> <i>S9(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons</i>
14	18/03/2015	Email exchange between Housing New Zealand and office of the Minister for Social Housing Note: doc 11 is the attachment to this email	<i>S9(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons</i>

Documents withheld in full

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15	10/02/1999	Sale of Wairarapa Properties – Protecting Tenant Right	<i>S9(2)(h) maintain legal professional privilege</i>
16	27/01/1999	Community Trusts Sale of Wairarapa Properties	<i>S9(2)(h) maintain legal professional privilege</i>
17	22/01/1999	Wairarapa sale – Transfer of records to Trust	<i>S9(2)(h) maintain legal professional privilege</i>
18	11/02/1999	Wairarapa Sale to Trust House Limited (THL) 16 property issue	<i>S9(2)(g)(i) maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions</i>
19	01/03/1999	Loan Agreement	<i>S9(2)(ba) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence</i>
20	22/02/1999	Update re Documentation / Settlement of Masterton Transaction	<i>S9(2)(h) maintain legal professional privilege</i>