



Ref. No. DOIA 2021-2073

29 APR 2021

S Rasool

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Dear S Rasool

I refer to your email of 13 April 2021 to Kāinga Ora, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I believe the Building Act 1992 is the latest one focusing on the seismic resilience profile against which all the building work is done now as well as strengthening.

*I would like to have file in excel *.xls or *.xlsx or *.csv format with the following please;*

- 1) Column A, House Address*
- 2) Column B, province or region*
- 3) Column C, District Council name for said property*
- 4) Column D, Year of construction*
- 5) Column E, Year of Earthquake strengthening (if done on property)*

I'm branch committee member of Engineering New Zealand, and preparing a heat-map for New Zealand for national response readiness programme for earthquake prone structures.

On 16 April 2021, you clarified with Kāinga Ora that you were after the above information in relation to houses in New Zealand.

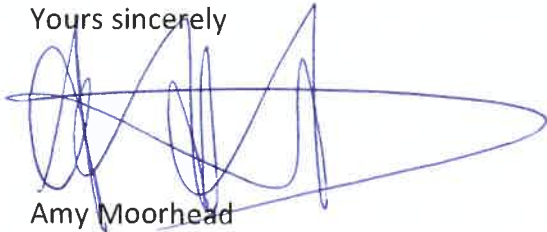
On the same date, Kāinga Ora notified you that they were transferring your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) under section 14 of the Act, as the information you have requested is believed to be more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry.

The Ministry does not keep records of houses and buildings, their original construction details or whether they have been earthquake-strengthened, and does not have reason to believe that the information is held by another agency. Therefore, the Ministry is refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act – that the information requested is not held by the the Ministry, and we have no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another department, or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

The Ministry does publish an earthquake-prone building register, which lists details of buildings that territorial authorities have determined to be earthquake-prone and have issued an earthquake-prone building notice in respect of. You can find more information about the register here: <https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/epb-register/>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amy Moorhead', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Amy Moorhead

Manager, Building Policy
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