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## Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 15 June 2021 for “the asbestos management plan and testing results” in relation to Radio New Zealand House. I am keen to provide this information to you and will do so no later than the end of July. I’d like to explain my reasoning to you for this approach.

The current asbestos management plan (dated 25 November 2019) is outdated and contains information that cannot be relied on as robust. The building owner is currently completing a new plan that accurately reflects the building’s situation. I will provide you with both the ‘old’ and ‘new’ plans, when the new one is complete in the coming couple of weeks.

At this time, I do not believe it is in the public interest to release the ‘old’ plan separately, as it could give rise to perceptions or concerns about health and safety that are fundamentally not correct. I hope you understand this judgment, thinking of the interests of all of our staff and visitors and our health and safety obligations.

LINZ takes health and safety very seriously. When we discovered that the building owner’s asbestos management plan was outdated and inaccurate, and to give ourselves further assurance about building occupation, we commissioned independent testing. The results (air monitoring and swabbing) were negative for asbestos, and confirmed it was safe for LINZ to use the building. I will provide the independent testing report to you with the package of material.

I will be back in touch before the end of July. I would also be pleased to discuss this with you if useful (021 370 869; [palsop@linz.govt.nz](mailto:palsop@linz.govt.nz)). You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my 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.

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