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Dear Melinda

Thank you for your email of 9 August 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Under the Official Information Act, we request the following information on these licensed businesses in New Zealand:*

- 1) *Funeral Homes*
- 2) *Funeral Directors*

*Please provide a spreadsheet detailing:*

- a) *Company Legal Name and/or Partnership*
- b) *Company Registration Number (7-Digits)*
- c) *NZBN*
- d) *Director/s and/or Owner/s of the business*
- e) *Trading Name*
- f) *Contact Details:*
  - a. *Email*
  - b. *Phone*
  - g) *Full Address Details (Unit and Street Number, Street Name, Suburb, City, Post Code)*
    - a. *Physical Location*
    - b. *Postal Address*

Your request for information is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information does not exist. This is because the Companies Office does not licence or register funeral directors and homes in New Zealand.

We understand that this is done by local authorities, such as city councils under the Health (Burials) Regulations 1946. These regulations provide for the registration of persons to prepare the dead for burial and conduct funerals. You may wish to direct your request for information to the respective local authorities or entities that would hold the information. You could also contact the Funeral Directors Association of NZ and the New Zealand Independent Funeral Homes (NZIFH) for information.

To assist with your enquiry, we have provided a spread sheet containing publically available information on entities that have indicated they are funeral directors or homes on their industry classification when they were issued with a New Zealand Business Number. However, it is not possible to determine whether the entities on the list are licensed or registered with the relevant local authorities as funeral directors or homes.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. The relevant details can be found at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bolen Ng', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Bolen Ng**  
National Manager, Business Registries