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Ref: CER12/265

Dear Alex

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request, received on 17 May 2012. As you have previously been informed, this request was unfortunately overlooked, and I apologise again for the delay in my response.

You requested the following:

"all advice and correspondence (including briefings to the Minister, Cabinet papers, internal reports, aides memoire etc.) relating to [the] housing crisis and CERA's response to it."

The Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority does not consider that there is a 'housing crisis' in Christchurch. While there is pressure on the housing market, we would dispute the description of this pressure as a 'crisis'. Therefore, we have not produced advice or correspondence relating to a 'housing crisis'.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(e), on the grounds that the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist or cannot be found.

However, if you wish to redefine your request, you may contact us again by emailing oce@cera.govt.nz.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Roger Sutton
Chief Executive