

# Hon Carmel Sepuloni

MP for Kelston

Deputy Prime Minister

Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage

Minister for Social Development and Employment

Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs (Pacific Region)



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Canterbury Victim

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Tēnā koe Canterbury Victim,

On 16 February 2023, you contacted my office requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Please confirm that your response has not been constrained by your current portfolios and instead is based on your complete official capacity as a Minister.*
- *In relation to your response to request 1, you have stated "it falls outside my ministerial capacity." Please clarify if this includes your role as a Minister as a whole.*
- *In relation to your response to requests 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8, you have stated "do not fall in scope of my ministerial responsibilities." Please clarify if this includes your role as a Minister as a whole.*
- *In response to request 4 you quote verbatim "the first ever unresolved significant breach of the Fair Insurance Code being referred to the Insurance Council of New Zealand." Please clarify if the response is based around a particular reading of the sentence where simply referring to a "significant breach of the Fair Insurance Code", or other such rewording, would have resulted in a different response.*

I can confirm that in my previous response provided to you on 21 December 2022, my response for part 4 of your request would not change based on the wording of the request. I do not hold any information in scope of your request in all aspects of my Ministerial capacity.

As noted to you in my office's email of on 28 November 2022, your initial request falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister of the Earthquake Commission who, following Cabinet reshuffle earlier this year, is Hon Dr Deborah Russell. Any further communication around this matter would be best directed to her office for response at: [d.russell@ministers.govt.nz](mailto:d.russell@ministers.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'C' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke ending in a small flourish.

Hon Carmel Sepuloni  
Minister for Social Development and Employment