



21 July 2023

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Reference: OIA-2022/23-1015

Dear Frank

Official Information Act request relating to NEMA seismic resilience

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 13 June 2023. You requested:

Please identify each building that is currently the building intended/likely to be used as/is the alternative location for the NCMC or houses emergency generators and other such facilities required for the above facilities to remain operating after a seismic event significant enough to trigger its activation.

Please provide the buildings current %nbs at IL4, the date of the last assessment, and the type of seismic assessment completed.

Also,

Please identify any building that currently houses a high number or percentage of NEMA staff in one place on a day to day basis.

Please provide the buildings current %nbs and the importance level used to assess the building, the date of the last assessment, and the type of seismic assessment completed.

Alternately if you do not hold/cannot provide the above please provide the last seismic assessment for the buildings identified above. “ ”

Information being released

I have decided to release the table below,

	NBS %	Importance Level	Type of Assessment	Date of Assessment
TSB Building	80%	2	Detailed Seismic Assessment	29 June 2020
National Crisis Management Centre (Executive Wing)	Primary Elements – 60% Secondary Elements – 35%	4	Detailed Seismic Assessment	14 December 2022
626 Great North Road	100%	2	Detailed Seismic Assessment	8 July 2020

NB// Primary Elements refer to all building elements in a building that are necessary to keep the structure standing

Secondary elements are heavy elements of the building that are not part the primary structure but are required to transfer loads to the primary structure

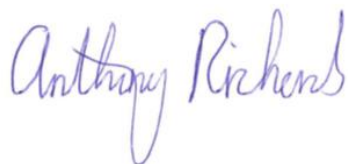
A number of NEMA staff (the number varies) work from the Justice Precinct building in Christchurch. I understand you have made a similar request to other government agencies including the Ministry of Justice, which will reply in respect of the Precinct building.

NEMA also stores some equipment at the Ellerslie Convention Centre in Auckland, in anticipation for its use as an alternative NCMC. There are no NEMA staff who work at the Centre as part of business as usual. We understand that there is a seismic assessment being undertaken by the operators of the Convention Centre.

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

We do not intend to publish this response on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony Richards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Anthony Richards
Chief Advisor to the Deputy Chief Executive, Emergency Management