

7 February 2024

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Dear Mr Olsen

Thank you for your email dated 18 December 2023 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1) *Copies of all briefing papers and advice provided to ministers discussing to the review into Kainga Ora announced on 18 December 2023.*
- 2) *A list of all meetings held between Kainga Ora officials and ministers, chief executives of other agencies or their officials where the review of Kainga Ora was discussed. For each meeting, please provide the date, titles and agencies of the people involved and a brief description of what aspects of the review were discussed.*

I have discussed your request with relevant staff and responded to your questions below. I can also advise you that Kāinga Ora welcomes the review and the opportunity to share with our new Ministers all the hard work we have done over the past year to improve our performance across a number of parts of the business. We are working closely with the reviewers to ensure they have all the necessary information, material, and context to support their review.

As a Crown Entity, Kāinga Ora is committed to responding to and delivering on the Government's housing priorities, expectations, and aspirations for social housing in New Zealand. We are looking forward to meeting further with our Ministers this year to understand those priorities in greater detail, as well as to brief them on the various programmes and activities we have under way.

1) Copies of all briefing papers and advice provided to ministers discussing to the review into Kainga Ora announced on 18 December 2023.

Kāinga Ora did not provide Ministers' offices with briefings or advice about the review prior to its announcement. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, '*... that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.*'

For more information about the independent review, you can visit HUD's website at <https://www.hud.govt.nz/news/independent-review-of-kainga-ora/>.

You can also view the Terms of Reference for the independent review here:

<https://www.hud.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Terms-of-Reference-Kainga-Ora-Review.pdf>.

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Two meetings were held between Kāinga Ora officials and Ministers prior to the announcement of the independent review. I have provided the accompanying table of the meetings, the attendees, and a brief description (table 1 refers).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available online at <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz> or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-request/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Stiven', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gareth Stiven
General Manager - Strategy Finance and Policy

Table 1: Meetings between Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities staff and Ministers related to the 18 December 2023 announcement

Meeting Date	Attendees	Description
30 November 2023	<p><u>Ministers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Housing • Hon Tama Potaka, Associate Minister of Housing <p><u>Kāinga Ora:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vui Mark Gosche, Board Chair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introductory meeting discussing the role of Kāinga Ora and the new Government's intentions for housing.
19 December 2023*	<p><u>Ministers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Housing • Hon Tama Potaka, Associate Minister of Housing <p><u>Kāinga Ora:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew McKenzie, Chief Executive • Vui Mark Gosche, Board Chair • John Duncan, Deputy Chair • Robin Hapi, Board Member • Professor Philippa Howden-Chapman, Board Member • Major Campbell Roberts, Board Member • John Bridgman, Board Member • Sir John Hansen, Board Member • Nicole Anderson, Board Member <p><u>Ministry of Housing and Urban Development:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Crisp, Chief Executive • Brad Ward, Deputy Chief Executive - Organisational Performance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction of Kāinga Ora Board and (including Chief Executive of Kāinga Ora) to Ministers - Discussion of the current role of Kāinga Ora and the terms of reference for the Government's independent review of Kāinga Ora.

* Fiona Mule, Board Member, was unable to attend this meeting.