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Dear Mr Russell

Official Information Act 1982 request

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 February 2015 asking, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"... why the Otago Rural Fire Authority is not covered by the Official Information Act."

This request was transferred to me on 3 March 2015 under Section 14(b)(i) of the OIA.

As I understand it, the Otago Rural Fire Authority is not subject to the OIA because it is a body corporate and not listed in the relevant schedules of the OIA or the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

I understand you made a subsequent request which was transferred directly to the Ministry of Justice. Officials will look into the matter of whether the exclusion of rural fire authorities was an oversight and will contact you shortly.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982 to complain to the Ombudsman about the decisions made in relation to your request. More information about making a complaint can be found at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

Hon Amy Adams
Minister of Justice