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OIATP-152

21 November 2024

P Robins
By email: fyi-request-28889-ea425487@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear P Robins

Thank you for your email of 24 October 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I request all briefings listed in response to OIATP-131

Of the list of papers provided to you in response to OIATP-131, two of these papers are briefings and therefore, are in scope of your request.

The briefing '*Emergency Housing Social Outcomes Contracting HUD2024-005176*' is withheld in full under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to carry out, without prejudice, ongoing commercial negotiations with providers.

The other briefing '*Further advice on options to incentivise landlord to rent to emergency housing clients HUD2024-005248*' is released to you. Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

Section of Act	Reason to withhold
9(2)(a)	To protect the privacy of natural persons.
9(2)(f)(iv)	To maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
9(2)(g)(i)	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty

The document is detailed in the attached document schedule.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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Annex 1: Document schedule

Documents released –			
	Date	Document	Section of the Act applied
1	5 September 2024	Briefing: Further advice on options to incentivise landlord to rent to emergency housing clients - HUD2024-005248	9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i)