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Dear Mr Presland

Thank you for your email received on 26 October 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) in relation to a previous information request you made in October 2015:

“Can you advise if the Minister or any other Minister was advised of my request under the no surprises policy?”

Housing New Zealand formally consults with the appropriate Minister’s office(s) before responding to some Official Information Act requests, however, this was not the case with the request you made in October 2015. Three requests for similar information, including yours, were received within a short timeframe and the office of Hon Paula Bennett, Minister for Social Housing, was aware that these had been received. No other Minister was advised of your request.

At that time, Housing New Zealand provided a summary of responses to official information requests from the preceding three months to the Minister for Social Housing in a weekly Status Report. I am enclosing an extract from the Status Report for the week beginning 7 December 2015 which provides a summary of my response to you of 25 November 2015. This summary remained in the Status Reports on a weekly basis until the week beginning 14 March 2016.

I trust this you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Kelly
Manager Government Relations

Status Report

Hon Paula Bennett, Minister for Social Housing

Week beginning 7 December 2015

In Confidence

2 Overview of OIAs

OIAs released in past 3 months:

Date	Requester	Outcome:
Not in scope		
25/11/15	Presland, Greg	Referred to previous responses to PQs for information about declining an offer of an HNZ house. Request for refusals for specific reasons was declined as this information is contained on individual files and would require substantial collation.
Not in scope		