



File ref: DOIA 1516-0732, 0733 and 0734

10 December 2015

Ms Evans

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Dear Ms Evans

I refer to your three emails of 26 November 2015, requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *In Codewords 19 March/April 2007 (<http://www.building.govt.nz/codewords-19-article-4>) the following is stated in paragraph 3:*

"Recent experience from designers who have followed the process has been very positive. They have reported real benefits"

Please provide the independent study that MBIE used to base these claims.

- *Please advise what the maximum statutory time limit and maximum fee limit is for the New Zealand Fire Service under the New Zealand Building Act when a Fire Engineering Brief is submitted as per the design review process outlined in Figure 1.1 of C/VM2?*
- *Please advise of all the known types of fire brigade intervention models the Ministry of Innovation, Business and Employment has audited to justify the inclusion of a fire brigade intervention model in C/VM2? Please supply a copy of these audits.*

Please supply the references to independent studies published in internationally peer reviewed journals that validate the accuracy of these models to ensure that their use is suitable for its purpose.

In response to your requests, I am refusing these under section 18(e) of the Act, as the documents containing the information do not exist or cannot be found.



You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to refuse your request. The relevant contact details are:

The Ombudsman
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Yours sincerely



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