



28 APR 2016

Ms Hannah Gabriel
JustSpeak

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Dear Ms Gabriel,

Thank you for your email of 22 April 2016 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following:

"1. What is your procedure/policy when asked by Police, Corrections, Probation, Housing New Zealand or the Courts to comment on whether an offender should be granted bail or allowed to service a community sentence (Community or Home Detention) in a Housing New Zealand property? Please provide any policy documents, briefings and templates that you have in relation to this. It would also be great if you could give a run down of who makes the decisions (is it a head office decision or made regionally etc) and describe the process the decision maker needs to go through.

2. Do you have an informal or formal relationship with Police, Corrections, Probation, Housing New Zealand and/or the District or High Court in relation to bailing offenders to Housing New Zealand Properties and/or allowing them to serve community based sentences from Housing New Zealand properties? Please provide any memorandums of understanding or evidence of other formal or informal arrangements with the above organisations on this issue."

This letter is to advise that your request has been transferred to Mr Greg Groufsky, acting Chief Executive of the Housing New Zealand Corporation.

This is because your request is more closely aligned with the functions of the Chief Executive of the Housing New Zealand. Section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act 1982 allows me to transfer any request that is believed to be more closely aligned with the functions of another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision to transfer your request by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

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