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Dear H Hutchison

On 13 July 2016 your Official Information Act request of 11 July 2016 was transferred to Inland Revenue from Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). You asked for the following information:

I was informed that tax returns related to the Bright-line text are due on the 7th of July. Am I able to receive this information in relation to my OIA request/questions now that this time has elapsed?

While the first income tax returns that will include the information requested were due to be filed by 7 July - under the extension of time arrangements the last day for filing all tax returns for the 2016 tax year is 31 March 2017. Data will not be available until all the returns have been filed and processed. Therefore the information requested is not yet available.

Accordingly, your request is refused under the provisions contained in section 18(e) of the OIA because the information requested does not exist.

If you disagree with my decision, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision. Contact details for The Office of the Ombudsman can be found at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Alternatively, you may have the decision reviewed by an Inland Revenue review officer. This does not preclude you from subsequently seeking a review by the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the department's internal review. If you would like an internal review, please write to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue, PO Box 2198, Wellington 6140, setting out the details of your request.

Yours sincerely



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