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Dear Matt,

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 3 September 2016, in which you requested information from Police about our procedures for searching for address information, and particularly how we might obtain information from the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) to help us determine a person's address.


The Police Manual holds no specific guidance for officers on how to establish the address of a person of interest, or a family member of someone who is unlawfully at large. As such, this portion of your request is refused pursuant to section 18(e) of the Official Information Act, because such a document does not exist.

From time to time, Police will request that MSD provide up to date contact information for a person. If they consider it is appropriate, MSD may disclose this information to Police, based on Principle 11 of the Privacy Act, which provides for such a disclosure if it is needed to uphold or enforce the law, or assist in court proceedings.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request, you have the right to refer the matter to the Office of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely



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