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Ref: OIA 12/329

Dear Mr Harris

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request, which was received on 5 September 2012. You requested the following:

"The Department of Building and Housing (DBH) and CERA will shortly provide advice on social, supported and affordable housing to meet the needs of vulnerable population groups, including the role of HNZC and non-government providers.

I would like to request a copy of that advice under the Official Information Act 1982."

Information being withheld

Item	Date	Document Description
1.	14 June 2012	Joint report CERA DBH: 'Options to Support social and affordable housing in Canterbury'

After consultation with the Building and Housing group of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, I have decided to withhold this document in full under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- section 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expressions of opinion

There are no other documents covered by your request.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Roger Sutton

Chief Executive