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Ms Kristy Merrick fyi-request-5933-8c668f3d@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Merrick

On 25 May 2017 you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

• Copies of the social housing valuation for the years 2015 and 2016, undertaken in accordance with the Government's social investment approach. These valuations have been referred to within several publicly available documents, including the MSD's Social Hosing Purchasing Strategy, the Incoming Briefing to the Minister of Social Investment, and the Social Investment Unit's Fact Sheet, 'What is Social Investment?'

The 2015 (2014/15 fiscal year) Social Housing Valuation report will be published on the Ministry's website shortly. As such, your request for this information is refused under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act on the basis that the information requested will soon be publicly available. This information will be published as soon as possible this year.

The 2016 (2015/16 fiscal year) Social Housing Valuation report is still in its early stages and as such, this information is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act as it is under active consideration. The release of this information is likely to prejudice the quality of information received and the wider public interest of effective government would not be served.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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