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Mr Geoff Merryweather
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Dear Mr Merryweather

Thank you for your email of 24 July 2017 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following information:

Last year, I emailed to MBIE raising concerns about smoke ratings used between apartments which are under common ownership instead of fire ratings. Can you please send me:

1. My email
2. The reply from MBIE
3. Any other letters, emails from others on this subject
4. Any other notes, meeting minutes, policy documents or correspondence within MBIE on this issue of CVM2, either in the working groups or separately

In response to parts 1 and 2, a search for a copy of your email and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) response has not produced these documents. As such, I am refusing these parts of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested could not be found, despite MBIE's best efforts to locate. However, if you're able to provide the date of which the email was sent this would assist the search.

Parts 3 and 4 are refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be provided without substantial collation and research.

Further to part 4, MBIE have recently concluded consultation on proposed amendments to the New Zealand Building Code Verification Method C/VM2. The proposals contained in the consultation document were the conclusions from a working group comprised of representatives from the sector. The question of smoke ratings used between apartments under common ownership was not a key topic raised during the consultation.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to request a review by the Ombudsman. The relevant details can be found here: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

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