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Dear Jem,

**Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email dated 3 February 2018 requesting the following:

- a copy of all advice provided to ministers regarding collecting data on sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression and sexual characteristics (i.e. intersex conditions) in Census 2018
- a copy of all advice to the Government Statistician regarding the decision to exclude the above from Census 2018.

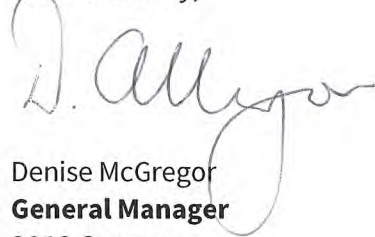
In regards to the first part of your request, please see the documents attached to this response. Please note that redactions have been made to the contact details of officials under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Official Information Act.

Advice provided to the Government Statistician, as per the second part of your request, has previously released under another request. These documents can be found here <https://www.stats.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-responses/> under the heading "Development of census questions covering sexuality and gender identity, 21 February 2018".

You have the right, by way of complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this response to your request.

Stats NZ intends to publish its response to your request made under the Act on the Stats NZ website. This letter, with your personal details removed, will be published in its entirety. Consistent with the Act, publishing responses increases the availability of information to the public and helps promote balanced public debate.

Yours sincerely,



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