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Dear Jem

## Official Information Act request

Thank you for your request received 16 February 2018 requesting advice given to the current Minister regarding spirituality and religion in the census.

Stats NZ has given no advice to the current Minister regarding spirituality and religion in the census.

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,

Matt Bloomer

Manager

Office of the Government Statistician and Chief Executive