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Dear Jake Preston

Thank you for your email of 20 June 2018, to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Can you please confirm what investigation into the construction of the concrete used in the foundation when a decision was made in Determination 2013:71? To be clear was the concrete foundation examined or tested to determine its resemblance to the defined concrete foundation construction included in NZS3604? If so what test were completed?

No investigation of the existing concrete foundation was sought or obtained by MBIE in the processing of Determination 2013/071; a geological assessment of the ground was provided by the applicant with the material submitted with the application for determination.

No additional testing or assessment was undertaken by MBIE to determine the foundation's resemblance to New Zealand Standard 3604. The design solution adopted for the foundation repair was taken from MBIE's foundation repair guidance document referred to in the determination itself.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of our response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone: 0800 802 602.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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