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Miles Stratford
CEO Meth Solutions
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Dear Mr Stratford,

I write with regards to your information request of 2 July 2018, which pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), asks for:

Copies of written correspondence, meeting Minutes and participant notes supplied to and received from cabinet colleagues and members of the government relating to methamphetamine

Copies of written correspondence, meeting Minutes and participant notes between your office and chief executives of state enterprises and ministries relating to methamphetamine, including, but not limited to the Real Estate Authority and Environmental Science and Research Limited

Copies of written correspondence, meeting Minutes and participant notes supplied to and received from Dr. Nick Kim relating to methamphetamine.

Below is my response to your request, and documents released to you are as attached.

Cabinet colleagues and MPs

I have not received any correspondence from, or have any records from meetings with Ministerial or Parliamentary colleagues in relation to methamphetamine. Therefore this part of your request is being refused under section 18(e), as 'the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found'.

My office did message and receive three replies from coalition political advisors regarding the release of the PM's Chief Science Advisor's report *Methamphetamine contamination in residential properties: Exposures, risk levels, and interpretation of standards*. These emails are being withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown.

My office also received an email from the office of Hon Kris Faafoi, dated 28 May 2018, which relates to the release of the report on 29 May 2018. This email is being released to you with phone numbers redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. No further information in relation to this exchange can be located.

Chief Executives of state enterprises and ministries

My office has identified email correspondence from 6 June 2018 as being within the scope of your request. This correspondence is advice from the Real Estate Authority sent to me via the Office of the Hon Aupito William Sio. This is being released to you with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act.

My office has checked with relevant agencies (namely MBIE and HNZ) for any other information in scope of your request. I have not written to, or met with, Chief Executives within this timeframe regarding methamphetamine - including the Chief Executive of Environmental Science and Research Limited. Therefore no further information exists for release.


Dr. Nick Kim

I have not received any correspondence from, or met with, Dr Nick Kim in my time as a Minister. Therefore this part of your request is being refused under section 18(e), as 'the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist'.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ph' followed by a long horizontal line and a vertical stroke at the end.

Hon Phil Twyford
Minister of Housing and Urban Development

From: Danya Levy
Sent: Wednesday, 6 June 2018 10:42 AM
To: Phil Twyford
Subject: FW: REA and meth

As discussed, here is the Real Estate Authority's advice and the process it's been through in the past year over meth contamination.

From: Carla Hemmes
Sent: Wednesday, 6 June 2018 10:02 AM
To: Danya Levy <Danya.Levy@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Bronwyn Lauten <Bronwyn.Lauten@parliament.govt.nz>; Mike Quinn <Mike.Quinn@parliament.govt.nz>; Malo Ah-You <Malo.Ah-You@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: REA and meth

Hi Danya,

FYI – the Real Estate Authority will be putting out information for real estate agents regarding meth in properties tomorrow. This may attract further media attention.

The REA sits under Minister Sio's portfolio (as Min Associate Justice), and his office has been in touch this morning. We can talk to their office, or the REA directly if required.

Cheers

Carla

From: Reubhan Swann
Sent: Wednesday, 6 June 2018 9:35 AM
To: Bronwyn Lauten <Bronwyn.Lauten@parliament.govt.nz>; Carla Hemmes <Carla.Hemmes@parliament.govt.nz>; Malo Ah-You <Malo.Ah-You@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: REA and meth

Hi team – as discussed.

I'll let Kevin know that you have his details should you have any further questions, but that you are happy with the update and need nothing further at present.

Many thanks

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From: Kevin Lampen-Smith [<mailto:Kevin.Lampen-Smith@rea.govt.nz>]

Sent: Wednesday, 6 June 2018 9:13 AM

To: Reubhan Swann <Reubhan.Swann@parliament.govt.nz>

Subject: REA and meth

Hello Reubhan

I understand you've received a copy of our press release on this matter.

The REA expects to release guidance to the real estate industry tomorrow that will be in line with our earlier press release. The press release noted that the REA expects the Real Estate Agents Disciplinary Tribunal to take account of the Chief Science Advisors (CSA) Report in its future decisions.

What we mean by that will be made more clear in our statement to the industry that will note that disclosure would not be expected where there are meth readings below 15 ug/100 cm², and furthermore that the Report essentially takes precedence over the MBIE Standard.

You asked for a few bullet points on our process to date.

- Over the last year I've been in discussion with the Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR) and received a report from them late in 2017. My aim in that period was to try and get a scientific report that would assist us in our advice to both consumers and to real estate agents as we have for some time been concerned that the new Standard was not communicated well and that there was a high risk of misinterpretation going on by real estate agents and wider.
- Discussions have also been held with Housing NZ, Drug Foundation of NZ and a number of other scientists
- Towards the end of 2017 I became aware that the CSA had been asked to prepare a report on the matter. I've met with Anne Beardsley from the CSA Office a number of times.
- Once we became aware that the CSA was preparing a report the REA chose not to publish any information in advance of that but to wait for that report and then use that in our communications
- In early May I was made aware that the report was essentially final and I asked for a pre-release copy in order that we could organise our position in advance for consumers and the industry. This was not approved and as such since the Reports release last week we've been working on the matter.

In regards our information for real estate agents that I expect to go out tomorrow, there may well media attention. In keeping you informed I'm conscious that the Minister for Housing Hon Phil Twyford may also want to be aware of what a government agency is doing in this space at the moment.

Can I either get a contact from you, if you have one, for his office, or leave you to pass on any update you think is necessary to the Minister's office.

I hope this email is useful and please call me if you have any questions.

Regards
Kevin

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From: Esther Robinson
Sent: Monday, 28 May 2018 11:21 AM
To: Shayne Misselbrook
Subject: meth announcement

Hi Shayne can you please give me a bell today about the announcement tomorrow

Ext *s9(2)(a)* or cell *s9(2)(a)*

cheers

Esther Robinson
Advisor

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