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Dear Ross,

**Request for information – IR-01-18-6261**

Thank you for your FYI request dated 22nd July 2018, requesting information on the existence of videotapes in relation to the Peter Ellis case. You requested:

1. Please provide me with all records of communication in 2008 between CYFS in Christchurch and Police, and records of all communication between Carolyn Richardson and CYFS, about the existence or otherwise of the videotapes.
2. Please provide me with all records, including but not limited to file notes, job sheets, letters, memos, emails and deleted emails, about the enquiries made by Ian McArthur (and the response) in regards to the existence of the aforementioned videotapes.

Your request has been considered in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

We are unable to provide the information you have requested in relation to point 1 for the following reasons:

- Section 18(f) – the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. It has been estimated by our technical team that it would take a computer 71 days to search and retrieve the emails, and then the tens of thousands of emails would need to be read and vetted for relevance.

I enclose the following information in relation to point 2 of your request:

- Five emails to or from Ian McArthur.

We have redacted some of the information you have requested in relation to point 2 for the following reasons:

- Section 9(2)(a) – there is a need to protect the privacy of persons, including that of deceased persons.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with Police's response to your request.

Yours sincerely,

R. Milne  
Canterbury Official Information Act Request Team