

# Hon Andrew Little

Minister of Justice

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Simon Fleming

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Dear Mr Fleming

## Official information request

I refer to your official information request dated 24 October 2018 for:

*“The Courts rely heavily on the scientific expertise of ESR. Megan Woods confirmed that ESR stand by their 2016 recommendations for acceptable levels of methamphetamine residues in property. The Tenancy Tribunal has recently advised that they will give precedence to the recommendation made in the Gluckman Meth Report, over those contained in NZS8510, which are based on the recommendations of ESR. What advice has been sought and what are the reasons the Minister believes the opinions of the Office of the PMCSA should take precedence over the internationally peer reviewed recommendations of ESR?”*

My response to you is delayed due to a handling error in my Office for which I apologise.

The OIA enables people to request official information from Ministers. However, the OIA only applies to information that is already held by me. There is no obligation for me or my Office to create information in order to respond to a request.

The information you are seeking in this case is not held by me but would need to be created in order to respond to your request.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the OIA, because I do not hold any official information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A Little'.

Hon Andrew Little  
Minister of Justice