



1 July 2022

Tēnā koe

On 1 June 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*In regard to the decision by MSD to use the property known as Parnell Pines Hotel, located at 320 Parnell Rd, Parnell, Auckland, for emergency housing please provide copies of the following:*

- 1. Any internal emails and any external emails with any party relating to the decision.*
- 2. Any reports prepared by MSD staff relating to the decision.*
- 3. Notes and/or minutes of any internal meetings held relating to the decision.*
- 4. Notes and/or minutes of any meetings held with representatives of GN Holdings Ltd relating to the decision.*
- 5. Notes and/or minutes of any meetings held with any other parties relating to the decision.*

The Ministry is unable to provide you with the information you have requested as it does not exist. As such, your request is refused in full under section 18(e) of the Act.

The Ministry does not hold contracts with suppliers for emergency housing purposes. Businesses register as suppliers with the Ministry for the sole purpose that the Ministry can pay the businesses directly. This allows the Ministry to facilitate making payments directly into a suppliers bank account. Registering as a supplier does not create a contractual relationship between the Ministry and the supplier.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,

- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry's website. Your personal details will be deleted, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding MSD's use of Parnell Pines Hotel for emergency housing, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

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