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9 October 2015



Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 11 September 2015. You requested the following:

“May I please receive copies of all submissions made on the Earthquake Commission Act review.”

Information to be Withheld

The documents covered by your request I have decided to withhold in full under the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- advice still under active consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

For your information it is intended that submissions will be publicly released in future. At this stage the date of that release is unknown. That timing will depend on timing of consideration of submissions and any resulting advice on the legislative review of the EQC. For privacy or confidentiality reasons some material in submissions may be redacted before that release.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This fully covers the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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