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s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

On 10 June 2025, Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) received your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

For the period 27 November 2023 to the date of this request:

1. Any written communications relating in any way to the Avondale racecourse, the Avondale Jockey Club or New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.
2. Notes of any meetings with other government agencies or third parties relating in any way to the Avondale racecourse, the Avondale Jockey Club or New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.

The Ministry has interpreted your request to be focused on the Avondale Racecourse. While the Ministry has communications relating to New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, these communications were about other sites in New Zealand, and were not concerning the Avondale Racecourse.

We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act on the grounds that the information requested is not held by the Ministry and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown.

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

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Nāku noa, nā

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