



**17 MAY 2021**

DOIA20/21050566

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email received 1 May 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Does the organisation carry out drugs and alcohol testing (among employees or other persons)?*
2. *If drug and alcohol testing does take place at the organisation:*
  - a. *Who currently provides the testing service i.e., name of service provider(s)?*
  - b. *For each (named) service provider:*
    - i. *What is the nature of the drug & alcohol testing service delivered e.g., saliva, urine, breath and alcohol and synthetic cannabinoids?*
    - ii. *In what geographic location(s) is the service delivered?*
    - iii. *Is the service provided under contract? If yes:*
      1. *How many contracts does the provider have with your organisation?*
      2. *What is the term of that/those contract(s)?*
      3. *What is the dollar value of that/those contract(s)?*
      4. *Are there options for renewing that/those contract(s)?*
3. *What organisation(s)/company(ies) previously conducted drug and alcohol testing for your organisation (repeat all of 'b' for previous service providers)?*

In response to part one of your request, I can confirm that Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) does not carry out drug and alcohol testing on its employees or contractors.

Because the Ministry does not carry out drug and alcohol testing of its employees or contractors, I am refusing parts two and three of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

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 [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely

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