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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 2 December 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"I'd like to request any internal communication (emails, texts) from the past two weeks (from the date of this request) regarding proposed changes to or the removal of the publicly available Housing Dashboard, and I'd like to request any communication (email and text) between the Minister of Housing (or staff based in his office) and the Ministry, regarding the Housing Dashboard since he was sworn in as a minister"

Four email threads have been found to be within scope of your request and are released to you. Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

Section of Act	Reason to withhold
9(2)(a)	To protect the privacy of natural persons.

The documents are detailed in the attached document schedule.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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.

Yours sincerely

Joseph Winton
Manager, Data and Products
Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

Annex 1: Document schedule

Documents released – HUD2023-003345			
	Date	Document	Section of the Act applied
1	29/11/23	RE:Changes to Housing Dashboard this afternoon	9(2)(a)
2	27/11/23	Help please	9(2)(a)
3	24/11/23	Housing dashboard	9(2)(a)
4	24/11/23	RE: Changes to government housing dashboard	9(2)(a)

From: [Jade Lock](#)
To: [Saera Chun](#); [Joseph Winton](#)
Subject: RE: Changes to Housing Dashboard this afternoon
Date: Wednesday, 29 November 2023 3:07:51 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Thanks, have made the name change and removed the two tabs. I will be updating the URL later once I've sorted a redirect.

I'm now going through other pages that link to it to update with the name change, and I came across this page: [Definitions - Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development \(hud.govt.nz\)](#). Shall I remove the section about 'Delivery and planned supply' from here?

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From: Saera Chun <Saera.Chun@hud.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 2:56 PM
To: Jade Lock <Jade.Lock@hud.govt.nz>; Joseph Winton <Joseph.Winton@hud.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Changes to Housing Dashboard this afternoon

Yes, for Housing Dashboard-related change, you can make it anytime from now
Ruth will be updating this month's dashboard in about 30 minutes.

Ngā mihi,
Saera

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From: Jade Lock <Jade.Lock@hud.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Saera Chun <Saera.Chun@hud.govt.nz>; Joseph Winton <Joseph.Winton@hud.govt.nz>
Subject: Changes to Housing Dashboard this afternoon

Kia ora




Just checking whether you'd like me to aim for a specific time for the Housing Dashboard changes to go live this afternoon?

Ngā mihi
Jade

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From: [Jade Lock](#)
To: [Gaile Walker](#)
Subject: Help please
Date: Monday, 27 November 2023 11:14:34 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image009.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
[image011.png](#)

Mōrena Gaile

I was wondering if you'd have some time to help me out with a website-related task please?

I need to rename the 'Government Housing Dashboard' on the website to the 'Housing Dashboard', and need to find all of the places it's mentioned on the website so I can update those pages (when I did a quick search it looks like it is three pages worth of results).

Would you have capacity to take a look at this? I'll need to make the updates on Wednesday afternoon, so if I could get them by Wednesday morning that would be perfect.

Probably having the content in one place, like a Word document, with the page link and the content to be updated, would be useful.

Let me know if you can help.

Ngā mihi
Jade

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From: [Jade Lock](#)
To: [Joseph Winton](#)
Subject: Housing dashboard
Date: Friday, 24 November 2023 3:27:59 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image009.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
[image011.png](#)

Kia ora Joseph

I've tested renaming the dashboard and removing the two tabs. All working as expected, so that is good.

I've given Dennis a heads-up about the changes, and he just wanted to check that Pip is across it?

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From: [Dennis de Reus](#)
To: [Jade Lock](#)
Subject: RE: Changes to government housing dashboard
Date: Friday, 24 November 2023 2:06:40 pm
Attachments: [image009.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
[image012.png](#)
[image014.png](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Ok thanks – fine from my perspective and I assume Pip is across the name change?

Please do get Gaile to help you with this and other things too!

Dennis de Reus

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Please email my Business Assistant, Gaile Walker if you need any assistance at gaile.walker@hud.govt.nz

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From: Jade Lock <Jade.Lock@hud.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Dennis de Reus <Dennis.DeReus@hud.govt.nz>
Subject: Changes to government housing dashboard

Hi Dennis

As I mentioned briefly before, Joseph Winton has asked if we can rename the Government Housing Dashboard to just the Housing Dashboard to make it more neutral. As well as renaming the dashboard itself, I need to find all mentions on the website and update all of these in content, links etc (I was thinking I might get Gaile to identify all of these as it is mentioned across the site).

I've also been asked to remove the following tabs of data from the dashboard – 'Housing dashboard at a glance' and 'Delivery and planned supply'.

The team will also be changing the start date of June 2017 to something more recent (I think July 2022 or 23), which they will do in Tableau.

This change will be made next Wednesday afternoon.

Jade

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