



HUD2024-003918

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Thank you for your email of 28 February 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *All advice, memos, briefings, or any other documents the Ministry has prepared on competitive land markets.*
2. *All advice, memos, briefings, or any other documents the has provided Hon Chris Bishop or his Office on competitive land markets.*
3. *All advice, memos, briefings, talking points or any other documents prepared to support Hon Chris Bishop's "Fixing the Housing Crisis" Cabinet Paper.*
4. *All drafts of Hon Chris Bishop's "Fixing the Housing Crisis" Cabinet Paper.*
5. *All advice, memos, briefings, talking points or any other documents regarding Hon Chris Bishop's report back to Cabinet in 2024 as noted in paragraph 5 of Hon Chris Bishop's "Fixing the Housing Crisis" Cabinet Paper.*
6. *How much land available for housing would be necessary to "flood urban housing markets" as noted in paragraph 14 Hon Chris Bishop's "Fixing the Housing Crisis" Cabinet Paper?*
7. *Copies of all advice, memos, briefings, or any other documents relating to GST sharing with Councils.*

Where you decline to release a document, I request the title of the document and the reason for withholding it.

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) has interpreted parts one and two of your request as seeking documents that are substantively about competitive land markets or contain substantive content on the theory or operation of competitive urban land markets.

Documents regarding broader work on freeing up land for development, or about the overall Going for Housing Growth work programme, have been excluded. Unless where specifically requested, draft documents have also been excluded from this response.

Fourteen documents have been found to be within scope of your request and I am withholding them in full under the following sections of the Act:

Section of Act	Reason to withhold
9(2)(f)(iv)	To maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.
9(2)(g)(i)	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or employees of the Ministry.

The documents are detailed in the attached document schedule.

The Ministry has not calculated how much land would be required to “flood urban housing markets” and did not prepare documents about GST sharing with councils in the timeframe of this request. For this reason, I am refusing parts six and seven of your request under section 18(g)(i), that the information requested is not held by the department and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

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



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Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development

Annex 1: Document schedule

Documents withheld – HUD2024-003918			
	Date	Document	Section of the Act applied
1.	11 December 2023	Housing affordability work programme (draft)	9(2)(g)(i)
2.	12 December 2023	Solving the housing crisis (draft)	9(2)(g)(i)
3.	13 December 2023	Solving the housing crisis (draft)	9(2)(g)(i)
4.	14 December 2023	Solving the housing crisis (draft)	9(2)(g)(i)
5.	15 December 2023	Solving the housing crisis (draft)	9(2)(g)(i)
6.	16 January 2024	Going for Housing Growth: Interagency workshop	9(2)(g)(i)
7.	18 January 2024	HUD2024-003519: Establishing a new Ministerial Group	9(2)(f)(iv)
8.	26 January 2024	Infrastructure cost case studies results	9(2)(f)(iv)
9.	2 February 2024	HUD2023-003454: Going for Housing Growth work programme and initial decisions on Housing growth targets and Medium Density Residential Standards	9(2)(f)(iv)
10.	12 February 2024	Going for Housing Growth – 7 February Cabinet paper: Agency feedback summary	9(2)(g)(i)
11.	15 February 2024	HUD2024-003615: Establishment of a Housing Expert Advisory Group	9(2)(f)(iv)
12.	18 February 2024	Talking Points – Cabinet paper - GoHG Ministers meeting 18 Feb 2024	9(2)(g)(i)
13.	20 February 2024	HUD2024-003786: Cabinet report back: Fixing the Housing Crisis: work programme	9(2)(f)(iv)
14.	20 February 2024	HUD2024-003786: Fixing the Housing Crisis: Work Programme	9(2)(f)(iv)