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On 8 April 2026 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):

1. All documents, including emails, memoranda, briefing notes, instructions, or other communications, created or received by your agency from 20 November 2025 to date, that relate to the preparation of any briefing, transition document, or incoming ministerial material for a Minister of Housing other than the Hon Chris Bishop.
2. Any briefing, draft briefing, or preparatory document of the kind ordinarily prepared for an incoming minister that was created by your agency from 20 November 2025 to date, regardless of whether it was completed or delivered.
3. All communications between your agency and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, or the Office of the Prime Minister, from 20 November 2025 to date, that relate to ministerial appointments, portfolio arrangements, or incoming ministerial briefings for the Housing portfolio.
4. All communications between your agency and the office of the Minister of Housing from 20 November 2025 to date, that relate to the preparation of incoming ministerial briefings or any anticipated change to the Minister of Housing.
5. Any instructions, requests, or suggestions received by your agency from any source from 20 November 2025 to date, asking it to prepare materials of a kind that would ordinarily be prepared in anticipation of a change of minister.
6. Any documents recording your agency's response to, or action taken in respect of, any such instruction, request, or suggestion described in item 5 above.
7. Any communications between Kāinga Ora, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, and/or the Office of the Minister of Housing, from 20 November 2025 to date, that relate to any anticipated or potential change in the Minister responsible for both agencies.

On 8 April 2026, you clarified that you sought information relating to preparation for a potential Cabinet reshuffle.

Your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, that the documents requested do not exist or cannot be found.

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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