



## Office of Hon Dr Nick Smith

MP for Nelson

Minister for the Environment

Minister for Building and Housing

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Political and Media Advisor  
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Dear

Thank you for your email of 28 June 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Under the Official Information Act, I request all information and communication produced or received by you/your office since 1 January 2016, regarding the*
  - *Expiry/end of the Auckland Housing Accord*
  - *Consideration of extending the Accord*
  - *Consideration of new tools or initiatives to replace the Accord*
- *For the avoidance of doubt, this includes information and communication about post-Accord housing initiatives in Auckland.*
- *Please exclude communications between you/your office and members of the public from the scope of this request.*

I can confirm that no information can be found within the scope of your request. For this reason, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

The Government is aware of the repeal of sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Accord and Special Housing Areas Act 2013 (HASHA Act) in September 2016. However, it should be noted that the Auckland Unitary Plan, along with the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity, are expected to provide sufficient action to continue the incentivisation that the Act has already made.

Other Government initiatives include advancing new housing on under-utilised Crown-owned land in Auckland, and reform of the resource management system to address long term issues affecting housing supply and affordability. These initiatives are independent from the HASHA Act, and are not considered within the scope of your request.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to request a review by the Ombudsman. The relevant details are:

The Ombudsman  
Office of the Ombudsman  
P O Box 10 162  
WELLINGTON 6143

0800 802 602  
[www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Kind regards



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**Minister for Building and Housing**