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Thank you for your email of 3 November 2023 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting information about the safety of properties in the Spotswood area, particularly Tumai Street, regarding asbestos and potentially dangerous chemicals, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I have consulted with Kāinga Ora staff regarding your request and I can advise that due to the age of these properties and the common usage of asbestos and lead paint at the time, no particular concerns have previously been raised about these properties. Therefore, as we have not been able to find any documentation within the scope of your request I am declining it under section 18(e) of the Act 'as the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.'

I can tell you, however, that Kāinga Ora will continue to inspect these properties regularly. If you or any other tenants in the area have concerns about the safety of their property, this can be reported to our Customer Support Centre on 0800 601 801, so we can investigate whether there is an issue at the property.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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