

28 July 2025

s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email dated 30 June 2025 requesting the following information from Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities (Kāinga Ora):

Under the OIA, could I please request the following relating to Kainga Ora's recent decision to award its carpet contract to Bremworth:

- *All documents used in the decision-making process, including evaluations, assessments, scoring documents, and any internal commentary or analysis.*
- *A list of all suppliers who submitted proposals in response to the tender, including the number of submissions received.*
- *Any advice, feedback, or recommendations received from independent evaluators or procurement consultants involved in the RFP process.*
- *A copy of the final internal recommendation to award the contract to Bremworth, including any associated briefings or approvals.*

On 1 July 2025 the tender for the National Supply Agreement for Carpet and Underlay was formally awarded and announced on the Government Electronic Service (GETS) website.

Kāinga Ora received a total of seven submissions of which six were deemed to be compliant. After evaluation, we agreed to shortlist to two potential suppliers. As announced on GETS, the two successful applicants to the Request for Proposals (RFP) were Bremworth Carpets and Rugs Limited and Godfrey Hirst NZ Limited.

To protect the commercial position of unsuccessful applicants, in addition to the integrity of the RFP process used by Kāinga Ora (which corresponds with Government Procurement Rules), I am withholding the names of unsuccessful applicants under s9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act as providing it, ‘...would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information...’

Your request for documents and advice related to the RFP process has been discussed with relevant staff and we have identified the following documents as being in scope of your request:

- (1) RFP for NSA 25 - Carpet & Underlay Jan 25
- (2) Final Probity Report - Kāinga Ora - Overall NSAs - MCG - 4 July 25
- (3) Final Recommendation for Carpet NSA-Signed
- (4) Carpet NSA RFP Update 10.04.2025.

Contact information of third parties has been withheld in documents (1) and (2) under s9(2)(a) of the Act, to ‘...protect the privacy of natural persons...’

Some commercial information provided to Kāinga Ora in confidence by third parties as part of the RFP process has also been withheld in documents (3) and (4) under s9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.

Where section 9 of the Act has been cited, I have considered the public interest in releasing this information; however, it has been determined that in each instance, the public interest is outweighed by the need to protect the privacy of the individuals in question.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available online at <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/> or by phone on 0800 802 602.

Please note that Kāinga Ora proactively releases our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://kaingaora.govt.nz/publications/official-information-request/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Stiven', with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Gareth Stiven
Acting Chief Financial Officer