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Thank you for your email of 29 January 2020 to Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- All reports, briefings, memos, analysis, advice, and cabinet papers to Ministers, as well as emails, relating to the 107 Business Initiated Transfers (BIT) due to methamphetamine contamination from 1 November 2017 to 30 November 2019 (as referenced in WQ –Reply 44988).

- All reports, briefings, memos, analysis, advice, and cabinet papers to Ministers, as well as emails, relating to the 308 Business Initiated Transfers (BIT) due to anti-social behaviour (as referenced in WQ –Reply 43947).

On 30 January 2020 you clarified your request:

I would like information that was sent to Minister's only and relates to each instance of the BITs (both meth and anti-social behaviour BITs, respectively.)

I have identified three emails within the scope of your request – one email was sent to Hon Kris Faafoi's office, and two emails to Hon Jenny Salesa's office. Each of these emails mentioned Business Initiated Transfers (BIT) related to four separate tenancies. All were categorised as antisocial behaviour. However, I am withholding these emails under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect our tenants' privacy.

If a tenant is moved by a BIT under the category of antisocial behaviour, it does not necessarily mean that the tenant was at fault. Sometimes a situation is out of the tenant's control, or there has simply been no other resolution available to issues between neighbours. No BITs are carried out without the agreement of the tenant.

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 at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely


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