



18 August 2016

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Executive Assistant to [REDACTED]
Parliament Buildings
WELLINGTON

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act request dated 9 August 2016

I am writing in response to your Official Information Act request to Superu (dated 9 August 2016) requesting:

- *All documents, briefings, memos, and correspondence relating to the Growing Up in New Zealand longitudinal study for the past six past months. This request includes all documents, briefings, memos, supplied to and correspondence with the office of the Minister of Social Development.*
- *Please provide a list of documents, including the title and date of the communication/document, within the scope of this request but withheld.*
- *Where information is withheld, I request you provide the reason for refusal and the grounds in support of that reason as required by section 19(a)(i) and (ii) of the Official Information Act.*

We have discussed your request for information with the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) and have been advised that a MSD representative phoned you on 17 August to discuss this OIA. MSD advised you that we are currently engaging in commercial negotiations with the University of Auckland around the Growing Up in New Zealand longitudinal study and as such the information you have requested would be withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Official Information Act. These negotiations are due to be complete at the end of September, and we suggest that you resubmit your request at that date. For the time being, your request will be closed off and we will await your request in September.

Yours sincerely

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