



**MINISTRY OF SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

TE MANATŪ WHAKAHIATO ORA

8 July 2022

Tēnā koe

On 18 May 2022, you emailed the Ministry of Social Development (the Ministry) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *copies of all Cabinet Papers that were prepared by MSD on the proposed Retirement Villages legislation that are dated in 2002 and 2003.*

On 16 June 2022, the Ministry advised you that more time was required to make a decision on your request, and that a decision would be with you on or before 14 July 2022. The reason for the extension was that your request is for a large quantity of information and it would take longer than the 20 working-day time limit to collate the material you have requested and assess whether any interest might be prejudiced by its release

Please find enclosed the following four documents within scope of your request:

Report number	Date	Title
LEG Min (03) 25/6	7 October 2003	<i>Cabinet Legislation Committee: Minute of Decision</i>
LEG (03) 146	7 October 2003	<i>Retirement Villages Bill: Supplementary Order Paper</i>
SDC (03) 138	11 September 2003	<i>Retirement Villages Bill: Proposal to Extend Coverage</i>
PCO 4386a/5	14 October 2003	<i>Supplementary Order Paper</i>

You will note that the information regarding some individuals are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act in order to protect the privacy of natural persons. The need to protect the privacy of these individuals outweighs any public interest in this information.

The principles and purposes of the Act under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government

- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter available to the wider public. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact [OIA\\_Requests@msd.govt.nz](mailto:OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz).

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Cabinet papers on the proposed Retirement Villages legislation dated 2002 and 2003, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Diane Turner', written over a light grey dotted background.

Diane Turner  
**Director**  
**Office for Seniors**