



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

31 May 2024

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## Official Information Request

Our Ref: OIA 2024-0139

I refer to your official information request received on 30 May 2024 where you asked:

*“Reference for this communication is 9(2)(a) privacy*

*Another reference for this communication is 9(2)(a) privacy*

*I hope this message finds you well. I am writing again as I may not have explained my query clearly previously, or I may not fully understand the response provided by my previous property manager.*

*The unit at 9(2)(a) privacy, is a granny flat that is part of the main unit at 9(2)(a) privacy. These two units are attached, with the garage situated in the middle. To the best of my understanding, this granny flat is considered a legal property only if there is a firewall between the garage and 9(2)(a) privacy. Please find the attached .jpeg file for reference.*

*I kindly seek your confirmation on this matter, as my property manager insists that there is a firewall. They mentioned that builders were sent to verify its existence and stated that renovations were halted because a firewall was present.*

*Could you please confirm if this is accurate for the tenancy period between 2021 and 2023?*

*Additionally, could you kindly confirm whether this granny flat has consent for the kitchenette? In the kitchen in the lounge, there was a sink. Is there any pipeline work that is consented as well?”*

## Our response

In response to your request, Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission does not hold the information requested and we believe the information would be held by the Hamilton City Council.

In these circumstances, we are required to transfer your request under section 14(b) of the Official Information Act 1982. However, while consulting with Hamilton City Council, they advised that you have also requested this information directly from them. Therefore, we do not see it necessary to formally transfer your request on this occasion.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz).

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.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nicky Dirks

**Manager – Ministerial and Executive Services**  
**Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission**