

17 April 2026

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Dear [REDACTED]

### Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (“OIA”) dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

You have requested:

*All written information (i.e. written documents, reports, memos, letters, notes, emails and draft documents) sent between the Office for Seniors or the Retirement Commission and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development that relates to the review of the Retirement Villages Act since the start of the review process in 2023.*

*References to publicly available sources are fine, there is no need to send the document itself.*

### Our response:

Following further correspondence with you and consultation with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, on 17 April 2026 we transferred your request to the Ministry under [section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982](#). This is because the information you have requested is more closely connected with the Ministry’s functions, as it oversees the review and holds the primary policy, Cabinet, and Ministerial advice relating to this work. The Ministry will respond to you directly.

Meanwhile, please find below a list of links to key documents that are publicly accessible, which were previously shared with you via email.

#### 2025 Cabinet decisions

- [Retirement Villages Act 2003 - Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development](#)
- [Retirement Villages Act 2003 - Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development](#)
- [10-ECO-25-MIN-0199-Minute-REDACTED.pdf](#)
- [03-Unfair-Contract-Terms-Interim-RIS-REDACTED.pdf](#)
- [Disclosure-regime-RIS-6-November-REDACTED.pdf](#)
- [Insurance-RIS-Signed-final-RIS-REDACTED.pdf](#)
- [05-Dispute-resolution-scheme-RIS-10-November-REDACTED.pdf](#)
- [06-Penalties-RIS-REDACTED.pdf](#)
- [07-Financial-Exit-Matters-RIS-REDACTED.pdf](#)
- [08-Chattels-RIS-REDACTED.pdf](#)



- [CRIS-Dispute-resolution-scheme-REDACTED.pdf](#)

#### Narrowed scope

In 2024 Cabinet subsequently agreed to narrow the scope of the Retirement Villages Act review, focusing on a smaller set of priority reform areas rather than progressing the full range of options consulted on earlier.

- [09-Cabinet-paper-Review-of-Retirement-Villages-Act-2003-REDACTED.pdf](#)

#### Ministry of Housing and Urban Development consulted: Discussion Document 2023

- [Review of the Retirement Villages Act 2003: Options for change, Discussion Document](#)
- [Cost-benefit-analysis-RVA-review.pdf](#)

#### Reports prepared by the Retirement Commission calling for a review 2020 and 2021

- [RC-RV-White-Paper-Report-2021-.pdf](#)
- [CFFC-RV-whitepaper-2020-Final.pdf](#)

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). Te Ara Ahunga Ora proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the Te Ara Ahunga Ora website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely



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