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On 2 August 2019 the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment transferred part 4 of your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request to Housing New Zealand. Your request is for the following information:

"How many cases has Housing New Zealand appealed since January 2013?"

I understand your request was originally made to the Ministry of Justice and that it relates to appeals of decisions made by the Tenancy Tribunal in respect of cases taken by Housing New Zealand tenants.

Housing New Zealand is not aware of any recent Tenancy Tribunal decisions it has appealed. However we do not have a record of the statistics you have requested and are unable confirm if there have been any appeals in the period. Housing New Zealand does not generally appeal decisions of the Tenancy Tribunal. Therefore we cannot identify any cases, and there is no business need to record the number of appeals.

Therefore your request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act:

"that the information requested is not held by the department and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either –

- (i) held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or*
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority."*

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Kelly".

Rachel Kelly
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