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Contact: [redacted]

17 August 2015

Mr [redacted]

Auckland

Dear Mr [redacted]

**Official Information Act 1975 investigation  
Ministry of Social Development  
Request for information: Dr David Bratt's presentations**

I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 7 July 2015.

As you know my investigation into the above matter was conducted under the Official Information Act 1982, and concluded that some of the information you requested was not held.

You are now requesting an investigation into the deletion of Dr Bratt's emails with a senior external advisor. This is a different type of complaint, being a matter of administration, which would fall under the jurisdiction of the Ombudsmen Act 1975.

As you are aware, I am still investigating the official information matter for which I provide an update below. Given this, and the limited resources of the Office, I do not intend to take up a further investigation into any other complaints from you at this time.

In any event, you do not appear to have raised this complaint about record keeping with the Chief Executive of the Ministry, and asked him to look into your concerns. I would expect you to do this before making a new complaint to the Ombudsman.

**Official Information Act 1982 investigation  
Ministry of Social Development  
Request for the salaries of advisors to MSD**

In the meantime, in relation to your request for the salaries of advisors to MSD, I have met with senior staff from the Privacy Commissioner's Office about the privacy issues raised in relation to salary information. I am currently awaiting further comments from the Privacy Commissioner as a result of these discussions. We will update you once those comments have been received.

Please note that Ms [redacted] will be on leave from 21 August until 22 September 2015.

Yours sincerely



Professor Ron Paterson  
Ombudsman