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Dear Mrs Soper

CHRISTCHURCH CIVIC CHILDCARE CENTRE – OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Jan Breakwell has drawn to my attention the request under the Official Information Act for material relating to a brief of evidence prepared by me.

I too, am concerned the exchange of letters between your office and Buddle Findlay, was not brought to the Ministry's or my attention.

I endorse the opinions stated in Jan's letter to you of 21 May 1998, including the conclusion that both the Ministry and I were satisfied with the accuracy of the final brief. I must point out that I had made it quite clear to Mrs Appleyard that the brief she prepared would be considered a draft. This I would share with colleagues who attended the Christchurch City Council meetings and with the Ministry's legal services.

I therefore object to allegations made by Mrs Appleyard in her memo of 11 March 1995 and those made by J C Weston in his letter to the Solicitor-General, dated 9 June 1995. Furthermore, I object to the release of these two items under the Official Information Act as they do not truly reflect the actions undertaken by me in relation to the preparation of the brief of evidence.

Yours sincerely

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for Manager National Operations -Christchurch

cc Jan Breakwell
Legal Services