# Template letter 16

## Refusal letter under section 18(h) OIA / section 17(h) LGOIMA—Frivolous or vexatious request

[Date]

[Name and address of requester]

Dear [name]

Official information request for [brief detail of the subject matter of the request]

I refer to your official information request dated [date] for [quote or set out detail of request].

We have decided to refuse your request under section [18(h) of the OIA/17(h) of the LGOIMA] because we think it is frivolous or vexatious.

We have not reached this decision lightly. [Detail the reasons why the request is considered to be frivolous or vexatious.]

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.

Yours sincerely

[Name]