



3 December 2018



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received by the State Services Commission (SSC) on 23 November 2018, for the following:

*"Where in "State Services Commission" objectives/functions/doctrine are the Universal Human Life Needs/Necessities required for all to flourish as human named? And connected across domains?*

*I cannot find any reference to / criterion of HUMAN NEED to distinguish these UNIVERSAL LIFE REQUIREMENTS from HUMAN WANTS.*

*In other words, by what criterion is "State Services" defined in the context of Universal Human Life Needs/Necessities to ensure security of access to means of life for the New Zealand population through generational time?*

SSC does not hold the above information. Therefore, we have refused your request under the following sections of the Official Information Act (OIA):

- 18(e) of the OIA – that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist
- 18(g) of the – that the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation 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

You may be interested in reading about the Treasury's Living Standards Framework, which looks across the human, social, natural and financial/physical aspects of our wellbeing. More information can be found at [www.treasury.govt.nz/living-standards/our-living-standards-framework](http://www.treasury.govt.nz/living-standards/our-living-standards-framework).

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz).

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.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Moore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Moore  
**Managing Principal**  
**State Services Commission**