



3 June 2022

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Ref: OIA-2021/22-1369

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request for information relating to the current earthquake rating of the TSB building

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 25 May 2022. You requested:

“Can you please provide information about the earthquake assessment of the TSB building on Lambton quay.

Of interest is when was it last assessed and what was the result.

Any information about when another assessment will be done.”

In June 2020, Parliamentary Services, which holds the master lease for the TSB building on Lambton Quay obtained engineering advice from a structural engineering consultancy firm which seismically assessed the TSB building at 80% New Building Standard (NBS).

After receiving this advice, Parliamentary Services then instructed another firm to undertake a peer review of the initial seismic assessment. After consultation between the two engineering firms, it was agreed that an 80% NSB rating was justified.

A further Detailed Seismic Assessment is not currently scheduled. Unless new investigation methods are discovered, or there have been changes to existing building regulations, a regular testing scheme would not normally be in place.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

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Yours sincerely



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