

20 May 2014

Our ref: AS/L1498
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Dear Mr Gee

Official Information Act 1982 request – relicensing numbers

By email dated 12 May 2014, you made a request for information to the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982.

You have asked what the outcome was in relation to an article you included in your email which appears to be dated 19 September 2009. The article refers to "*More than 570 blank safety certificates...signed by a registered gasfitter over the past three years then sold on to unqualified tradesmen who carried out work in Auckland and Northland*"

I can advise that five people were charged with disciplinary offences under the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 1976 in relation to the matter referred to in the article. Four of the five people were found guilty of disciplinary offences following hearings before the Board and were variously fined, censured, suspended, ordered to pay costs and/or required to undergo training. All of the people concerned were granted permanent name suppression.

The charges in respect of the fifth person are still before the Board. I am therefore declining your request for information in respect of this person under section 6(c) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that making the information available would be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

You have the right to seek a review of my refusal to make information available to you in response to your request under section 28 of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

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

Max Pedersen
Chief Executive / Registrar