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Mr Paul Gee  
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Dear Paul

I refer to your email dated 24 August 2014 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- *Please list the "highlighted deficiencies" mentioned in your letter to Hon Maryan Street dated 25 July 2014 relating to the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board (the Board).*

In 2010 the Office of the Auditor General released a report entitled '*Inquiry into the Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Board*' (the 2010 report) which identified a range of problems and deficiencies with the Board at the time and made 15 recommendations to improve the Board's performance. This report is available publicly on the Office of the Auditor General's website, <http://www.oag.govt.nz/2010/plumbers/docs/oag-plumbers.pdf>.

A follow up report was completed in 2014 to measure the Board's performance against the 15 recommendations made in the 2010 report. The latest report shows that the Office of the Auditor General is now satisfied that the Board has put appropriate arrangements in place to properly govern and manage. The 2014 follow up report is also available publicly on the Office of the Auditor General's website, <http://www.oag.govt.nz/2014/plumbers/docs/plumbers-follow-up.pdf>.

This fully covers the information you have requested.

You have the right under Section 28(3) of the Act to seek a review from the Ombudsmen.

Kind regards



Hon Dr Nick Smith  
**Minister for Building and Construction**