

16 February 2012

Paul Gee
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Dear Mr Gee

Official Information Act 1982 requests for gas certificates

I refer to the letter dated 10 February 2012 from the Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Board responding to your requests for gas certificates, and the Board's request for payment. I also refer you to your email dated 12 February 2012, confirming you had transferred the full amount requested by the Board. This payment was received by the Board on 13 February 2012.

Since our response on the 10 February 2012, we have been able to further locate a number of master pink gas certificates requested by you. The further gas certificates located are as follows:

- gas certificates 286044, 282245, 278223, 286049 and 291535; where you were the certifier and where another person is listed as having carried out the work
- gas certificates 299752, 299753 and 299756; where you are listed as the installer but not the certifier of the work carried out
- gas certificates 299752, 299753, 299756, 294381, 294382, 294383, 294384, 294385, 294386 and 294387.

Please note, our file indicates you requested gas certificate 299760 in 2005. In a letter from the Board dated 28 January 2005 (**enclosed**), you were advised that "All the certificates have been completed and returned to the Board except Certificate No 299760". It appears that this particular gas certificate has yet to be received by the Board.

I note also that an error was contained in the letter dated 10 February 2012 at the second bullet point under the heading "Email dated 9 January 2012 – request for gas certificates". To provide clarity, 14 of the 26 gas certificates located are certificates included in the gas certificates requested at point 4 of the letter dated 10 February 2012. A total of 19 new gas certificates from this batch are **enclosed** as requested.

I also refer you to your email dated 13 February 2012 requesting gas certificates 278234 and 278235. These gas certificates were previously requested by you and are included in the gas certificates certified by you where other persons are listed as having carried out the work.

Again, I apologise for the inconvenience in relation to the gas certificates that have not been located. The gas certificates granted pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982

are **enclosed**. If the Board locates the master pink copies of gas certificates 294351, 294352, 294353, 294354, 294355, 294361, 294373 and 299760, you will be notified immediately.

Charges

Accordingly, copies of 152 gas certificates have been located. These consist of 94 certificates requested by you and detailed at point 3 of the letter dated 10 February 2012; 34 certificates requested by you and detailed at point 4 of the letter dated 10 February 2012; and the further 24 certificates requested by you in your email dated 9 January 2012.

It is noted that you were previously charged for a total of 154 gas certificates in which you paid in full \$140.80. Given the miscalculation of the previous charges and we have located a further 18 gas certificates, the new charges are as follows:

Photocopying at \$0.20 per page after the first 20 pages – 132	26.40
Staff time spent collecting, collating and copying the certificates at \$38 per half-hour in excess of the first hour – estimated 2.5 hours total	<u>114.00</u>
Total	\$140.40
Less the amount received by you	<u>140.80</u>
Amount owed to you	0.40

These charges are based on the *Ministry of Justice Charging Guidelines of Official Information Act 1982 Requests*, accessible from the Ministry of Justice website (www.justice.govt.nz). Please note that the Board has spent considerable time over and above the 2.5 hours you have been charged at no additional cost.

Please advise the Board as to how you would like to proceed with your \$0.40 refund. If you have any queries regarding the charge, please contact the Board.

The requested gas certificates are **enclosed**. Please contact the Board if you have any questions or would like to discuss your request.

Your sincerely



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Encl. Colour copies of gas certificates
Copy of letter dated 28 January 2005