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Subject: Further response to LGOIMA request on migrant accommodation
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Rob Carr | Senior Research Advisor
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Dear Mr Carr,

Official information request for MIGRANT WORKER ACCOMMODATION PART 2

I refer to your original request for 'details of all complaints received since 1 January, 2016, regarding migrant workers being accommodated without consent in commercial dwellings in Dunedin and any follow up action taken by the Council in response.'

I also refer to the extra details you supplied on request. These are that you understand there was a complaint during this time period relating to migrant workers living in a bus depot within the city, that you do not know the name of the complainant, and that you understand the workers were moved out within a week of the complaint being made.

In response to your request the following information has been supplied by Kevin Taylor, Dunedin City Council Property Manager. This situation did not occur within the timeframe you have provided, but otherwise sounds like what you are asking for.

The following situation was dealt with by our Property Department in January, 2015.

A bus company currently leases its offices and depot from Council and we were advised that this company was accommodating drivers in offices next door to the bus company depot. We did not know the (migrant) status of the drivers.

The office space they were using for accommodation was also owned by Council, but was unleased and vacant. The bus company did not ask for permission to use this space. It was also communicated to the company that the district plan and other regulations do not permit office space to be used for accommodation due to fire risk and other safety factors.

We instructed bus company management to stop accommodating drivers at that location and find alternative accommodation for them. An offer was made of vacant housing units that could be rented from Dunedin City Council. We gave the company 24 hours to remove the drivers from our premises. The bus company complied with that instruction and we have heard nothing further.

If you wish to discuss this information with us, please feel free to contact Kevin Taylor at 03 474 3730.

Yours sincerely
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