

23 April 2021

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By email only: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act #20.183 - ASSA ABLOY New Zealand Limited and NZ Fire Doors Limited

1. We refer to your request received on 1 April 2021 for a copy of the confidential version of the application for clearance to the Commerce Commission (**Commission**) under section 66 of the Commerce Act 1986 from ASSA ABLOY New Zealand Limited (**ASSA ABLOY**) to acquire all of the shares in NZ Fire Doors Limited (**NZ Fire Doors**).¹
2. We have treated this as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (**OIA**).

Our response

3. Further to your conversation with Harry Holden on 22 April 2021, this letter is to confirm the Commission's decision to decline your request under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the OIA, to prevent an unreasonable commercial prejudice to the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
4. We consider that good reason exists for withholding this information and it is not outweighed by other considerations which would make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available (section 9(1) of the OIA).
5. The Commission is presently considering ASSA ABLOY's application to acquire NZ Fire Doors and at this stage, we are due to deliver our decision by 28 May 2021, although this date could change as our investigation develops. You can find further

¹ https://comcom.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0025/251593/Assa-Abloy-NZ-Clearance-application-26-March-2021.pdf. A public version of this application is available on the Commission's website.

information about the investigation in the Case register on our website² and further information about how we conduct a merger investigation in the Merger and acquisition guidelines on our website.³

6. If you are not satisfied with the Commission's response to your OIA request, section 28(3) of the OIA provides you with the right to ask an Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. However, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any concerns with you first.
7. The Commission will be publishing this response to your request in the OIA register on our website.⁴ Your personal details will be removed from the published response.
8. Please do not hesitate to contact us at uia@comcom.govt.nz if you have any questions about this request.

Yours sincerely

Mary Sheppard
OIA Coordinator

² <https://comcom.govt.nz/case-register/case-register-entries/assa-abloy-new-zealand-limited-and-nz-fire-doors-limited>

³ <https://comcom.govt.nz/business/merging-or-acquiring-a-company>

⁴ <https://comcom.govt.nz/about-us/requesting-official-information/oia-register>