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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), including the Weekly AoG PFAS Situation Update dated 1 June 2018.

This request was received by the New Zealand Defence Force, and transferred to the Ministry for the Environment under section 14 of the OIA on 24 October 2018.

Part of the information you have requested is enclosed. The attached table details the document falling within the scope of your request, as it relates to the Ministry for the Environment, and notes any OIA provisions that have been applied. This is primarily to withhold the contact details of staff members and the names of individuals outside of the Ministry, as well as maintain legal professional privilege and effective conduct of public affairs through free and frank discussion.

Under section 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Sincerely



Glenn Wigley
Director
Natural and Built Systems

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List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	1 June 2018	Weekly PFAS Situation Update	Released in part	S9(2)(h) S9(2)(a)

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To Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment and To Hon Eugenie Sage, Associate Minister for the Environment To Hon David Clark, Minister of Health To Hon Ron Mark, Minister of Defence To Hon Damien O'Connor, Minister of Agriculture, Biosecurity, Food Safety, and Rural Communities To Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Transport			Tracking #: 2018-B-04646
			
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Weekly PFAS Situation Update

Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with the weekly PFAS update for the week ending 1 June 2018.

Situation update

2. No new calls have been received to the 0800 number.
3. Stage three sampling at Ohakea and Woodbourne was completed last Thursday 24 May, and the Operations Centre has wound down as a result. Collected samples are being analysed by the laboratories, with results expected in 4-6 weeks.

4. s 9(2)(h)

National work stream update

5. A number of documents will be considered at the Governance Group meeting on 5 June, including updates to the:
 - Terms of Reference and Committee Charter for the Governance Group
 - National PFAS Prioritisation List and
 - Proposed Ohakea Community Water Scheme.

Ministerial requests

- 6. Information for responding to the ministerial request on alternative foam being used at Air Base Ohakea is being collated.

Media and communications

- 7. A lot of media attention was generated throughout the week by the publication of the May 2018 Cabinet Paper on the PFAS All of Government programme; and minutes of a Horizons Regional Council meeting about how Defence and central government were engaging with the council.
- 8. Stories also ran on Radio New Zealand and Stuff about the broadening of PFAS investigations beyond defence bases and airports.

OIA requests

- 9. Minister Parker's response to s 9(2)(a) from the Ohakea Water Committee was published on the Ministry's website, with s 9(2)(a) consent.

Next steps

- 10. The Director of Public Health, along with representatives from the All of Government Programme and the New Zealand Defence Force, is attending a community meeting in Ohakea on 7 June. Due to the production order on the New Zealand Defence Force, messaging is being developed for questions that may arise during the meeting.

Recommendations

- 1. We recommend that you:
 - a. Note the contents of this briefing

Yes/No

Signature

Vicki Connor, on behalf of Claire Richardson
Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Secretary
Organisational Performance and Operations

1/8/2018
Date

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Minister for the Environment

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