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Tēna koe s 9(2)(a)

On 18 February 2019 the Office of the Ombudsman advised us of your complaint lodged in relation to our response sent to you on 21 December 2018.

On 26 November 2018 you had requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982:

For Otago Regional Council's 'Lake Wanaka and Upper Clutha Lakes Community Water Management' Plan project.

1.2.1 (a) Copy of key messages/strategies that have been developed (by December 2018). Details of how/when strategies are implemented.

1.2.1 (d) Copy of database of stakeholders.

1.3.1 (a) Copies of any progress reports detailing what work has been completed to date and next steps.

2.1.1 (d) Copy of agreements with landowners.

3.1 (d) Project scopes including timeframes, budget and funding options.

4.4 1 (a) Budget tracking spreadsheets - I believe MfE may have received two or maybe three of these since July 2018.

When your request was received the Ministry did not hold any of the in scope documents, and we advised you accordingly.

We now hold two of the requested documents, 1.3.1 (a) Copies of any progress reports detailing what work has been completed to date and next steps (this has been interpreted as the six month report), and 4.4 1 (a) Budget tracking spreadsheet. We are releasing these documents to you in full. We do not hold any of the other documents you have requested.

The Annual Work Plan you refer to in your November 2018 email has now been replaced. The Annual Work Plan was formally varied on 17 February 2019, and was modified because it contained deliverables that the Ministry did not deem necessary as evidence of project delivery and some of the activities and deliverables were doubled-up. We are also providing you with the updated Annual Work Plan for your information.

We encourage you to contact Otago Regional Council directly for information regarding their project. We also recommend you following project updates on the Upper Clutha Lakes Trust's social media, and upload deliverables from the project website: <https://www.uppercluthalakestrust.org>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you have any queries about this response, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team on ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Naku noa, na

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Lewis', written in a cursive style.

Shaun Lewis
Director, Mana Honohono – Investments and Partnerships

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List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	30 January 2019	1.3.1 (a) Copies of any progress reports detailing what work has been completed to date and next steps.	Release in full	n/a
2	30 January 2019	4.4.1 (a) Budget tracking spreadsheets	Release in full	n/a
3	n/a	1.2.1 (a) Copy of key messages/strategies that have been developed (by December 2018). Details of how/when strategies are implemented.	Refused	S18(g) Information not held
4	n/a	1.2.1 (d) Copy of database of stakeholders.	Refused	S18(g) Information not held
5	n/a	2.1.1 (d) Copy of agreements with landowners.	Refused	S18(g) Information not held
6	n/a	3.1 (d) Project scopes including timeframes, budget and funding options	Refused	S18(g) Information not held

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