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Dear s 9(2)  
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Thank you for your email of 29 April 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- all reports, briefings, advice, aides memoire, prepared for the Minister of Climate Change on options for compensation for the inevitable loss and damage for individuals, businesses, and government through climate change
- all reports, briefings, advice, aides memoire, prepared for the Minister of Climate Change on options for managed retreat in the context of coastal erosion or rising sea levels.

The Ministry for the Environment has not prepared any reports, briefings, advice, or aides memoire for the Minister of Climate Change specifically on options for compensation for loss and damage arising from climate change, nor on options for managed retreat in the context of coastal erosion or rising sea levels.

However, work is underway across government relevant to these topics, including on the questions of responsibility for and funding for adaptation, and on developing a regulatory framework that supports risk reduction and climate change adaptation. Therefore, we have provided documents that cover these topics more broadly, in order to give an indication of work that is underway.

A cross-government Community Resilience Group, led by the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA), has been set up to oversee this work. A Cabinet Paper relating to this group's work programme (Document 8 in the attached table) is publically available on the DIA website, and can be accessed here:

- Community Resilience in the face of natural hazards and climate change: [www.dia.govt.nz/Central-Local-Government-Partnership](http://www.dia.govt.nz/Central-Local-Government-Partnership)

Six documents are being released in part to you, as listed in the attached table. Some information from these documents has been removed as not being of relevance to your request, and personal contact details withheld under the following section of the Act:

- 9(2)(a): to protect the privacy of natural persons

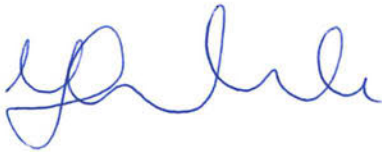
A further two documents (numbers 7 and 9 in the attached table) contain information that, while not within scope, provide context that is relevant to your request. However, I have not released these documents on the basis that they are, or soon will be, publicly available. I have included information on where these documents are, or will be, available in the attached table.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of 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 on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our website on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent.

If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely

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

**Fiona Newlove**  
Manager, Resilience

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the Official Information Act 1982

### List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	25 January 2018	2018-B-04189 Brief: Meeting with Dunedin City Council, 29 January 2018	Full release of relevant material	N/A – some content removed as not relevant to context of request
2	6 July 2018	Talking points for session at the LGNZ conference	Partial release	s9(2)(a) Some content removed as not relevant to context of request
3	2 November 2018	RE: Minister Meeting with Judy Lawrence and Jonathon Boston	Full release of relevant material	N/A – some content removed as not relevant to context of request
4	3 December 2018	Notes for Minister Shaw for Quarterly Meeting with LGNZ re Joint Central & Local Government Action on Climate Change	Full release of relevant material	N/A – some content removed as not relevant to context of request
5	31 January 2019	2019-B-05222 Briefing - Adaptation work programme and update on national climate change risk assessment progress	Partial release	s9(2)(a) Some content removed as not relevant to context of request
6	1 February 2019	RE: Proposed response to Stuff.co.nz re councils' coastal strategies	Partial release	s9(2)(a) Some content removed as not relevant to context of request
7	28 September 2018	Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change Finalised on 28 September for the week commencing 1 October	Withhold in full	s 18(d) – will be available at <a href="http://www.mfe.govt.nz/briefings-search">http://www.mfe.govt.nz/briefings-search</a>
8	20 November 2018	Final Paper – Community Resilience in the face of natural hazards and climate change	Withhold in full	s 18(d) – available at <a href="http://www.dia.govt.nz/Central-Local-Government-Partnership">www.dia.govt.nz/Central-Local-Government-Partnership</a>
9	7 December 2018	Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change Finalised on 07 December for the week commencing 10 December	Withhold in full	s 18(d) - - will be available at <a href="http://www.mfe.govt.nz/briefings-search">http://www.mfe.govt.nz/briefings-search</a>

Note: due to file size, please email [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz) for copies of the documents released