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s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 12 October requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide, under the Official Information Act, the names of all briefings sent to the Minister for the Environment from MfE in August and September.*

The Ministry for the Environment has sent 72 briefings to the Minister for the Environment from 1 August to 30 September 2020 as listed in the briefing schedule below. 70 of these titles are released to you in full.

Two of these titles have been withheld under the following section of the Act:

9(2)(j) - enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations

Eight of these titles have been partially withheld under the following section of the Act:

9(2)(f)(iv) the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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 selected requests for official information 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 Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



Pp Debbie Bell  
**Manager, Ministerial Services**

Date	Tracking number	Title
3/08/2020	2020-B-07073	Jobs for Nature – Funding for fencing of waterway proposals
3/08/2020	2020-B-07056	Whakatōhea: proposed natural resources redress
3/08/2020	2020-B-06482	Proactive release of Cabinet paper entitled Investigating the need to limit plantation forestry on productive land
4/08/2020	2020-B-07043	Ministerial Certification of Contingent Liabilities and Assets - 30 June 2020 and Delegations for Vote Environment Non-Departmental Appropriations
4/08/2020	2020-B-07003	Summary of Submissions on the Proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity
5/08/2020	2020-B-06419	Approval of the Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme – 2020/21 Annual Work Plan
5/08/2020	2020-B-07065	Proactive release — Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2020 and minutes
6/08/2020	2020-B-07082	FTC #3: Application for referred project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Stage 1 decision to 4 August 2020
6/08/2020	2020-B-07083	Auckland Water Supply - Weekly Update #11 (6 August)
6/08/2020	2020-B-07079	SLU Ministers meeting 10 August agenda and papers
6/08/2020	2020-B-06722	Proactive release of Cabinet paper: "New chemicals under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants — final policy decisions"
6/08/2020	2020-B-07076	Proactive release of Cabinet papers - PFAS programme Ohakea community water supply
6/08/2020	2020-B-07037	Key Points from Publication of NZ ETS Annual Reports 2019
7/08/2020	2020-B-07057	Proactive release of significant briefings on the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020
7/08/2020	2020-B-07097	Update on engagement structure for implementing Essential Freshwater
7/08/2020	2020-B-06613	Revised letters of re-appointment KWM 7 August 2020
7/08/2020	2020-B-07074	Watercare's Waikato River Application - Board of Inquiry Appointment Letters and Terms of Reference
10/08/2020	2020-B-07084	Advice on EDS Proceedings — legally privileged
12/08/2020	2020-B-07066	Proactive release: 2020-C-06796 Action for Healthy Waterways – National Direction and Regulations for Freshwater Management: Approval for Submission to the Executive Council
12/08/2020	2020-B-07029	Appointing the first tranche of freshwater commissioners
12/08/2020	2020-B-07060	Otago Water Permit Durations
13/08/2020	2020-B-07063	Ministerial delegation of statutory powers and functions
13/08/2020	2020-B-07098	FTC #4: Application for referred project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Stage 1 decision to 7 August 2020
13/08/2020	2020-B-07104	SLU Ministers Update
13/08/2020	2020-B-07102	Auckland Water Supply - Weekly Update #12 (13 August)

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14/08/2020	2020-B-07107	Draft terms of reference for freshwater implementation Kaitiaki Stewardship Group
19/08/2020	2020-B-07116	Otago freshwater update #7 (19 August 2020)
19/08/2020	2020-B-07113	Auckland Water Supply - Weekly Update #13 (20 August)
20/08/2020	2020-B-07112	Essential Freshwater: Correction of errors in the NES-F
20/08/2020	2020-B-07099	FTC #5: Application for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Stage 1 decision to 14 August 2020
20/08/2020	2020-B-07111	SLU Ministers meeting on 24 August: agenda and papers
21/08/2020	2020-B-07123	Suggested process for reaching joint decisions on applications for referral within the Coastal Marine Area under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-Track Consenting) Act 2020.
25/08/2020	2020-B-07109	FTC#6: Application for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (fast Track Consenting) Act – Stage 2 decision on: s 9(2)(f)(iv)
25/08/2020	2020-B-07089	NPSIB key policy directions
26/08/2020	2020-B-07119	s 9(2)(j)
27/08/2020	2020-B-07136	Vote Environment: resourcing priorities across Environment and Climate Change
27/08/2020	2020-B-07114	FTC #7: Application for referral of a project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Joint Stage 1 decision on an application within the Coastal Marine Area
27/08/2020	2020-B-07132	Otago freshwater update #8 (27 August 2020)
27/08/2020	2020-B-07130	SLU Ministers Update
27/08/2020	2020-B-07131	Auckland Water Supply - Weekly Update #14 (27 Aug)
28/08/2020	2020-B-07106	COVID-19 Response Recovery Fund – Contingency Budget drawdown Resource Recovery Infrastructure: Plastics Recycling Contingency
28/08/2020	2020-B-07022	Streamlined Planning Process: Decision on proposed Plan Change 2 to the Waikato Regional Plan (Taupō Overseer) - Stage 3 Briefing
31/08/2020	2020-B-07117	FTC #8: Application for referred project under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Stage 1 decision to 14 August 2020
31/08/2020	2020-B-07122	Briefing on the Manuherehia Exemplar Catchment with additional advice on a possible project in the Hinds River catchment
1/09/2020	2020-B-07150	Meeting with Matt Whineray and Karen Silk regarding the Sustainable Finance Forum's upcoming Roadmap
1/09/2020	2020-B-07133	Update on EDS Proceedings – legally privileged
2/09/2020	2020-B-07148	Otago Regional Policy Statement Notification Deadline
3/09/2020	2020-B-07149	Joint Ministers letter — Technical 2020/21 Appropriation Change
3/09/2020	2020-B-07134	Validation of 2019/20 Unappropriated Expenditure

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3/09/2020	2020-B-07147	SLU Ministers Update
3/09/2020	2020-B-07151	Auckland Water Supply - Weekly Update #15 (3 September)
9/09/2020	2020-B-07143	Essential Freshwater: Implementing Government decisions in the key vegetable growing areas of Horowhenua and Pukekohe
10/09/2020	2020-B-07165	SLU Ministers Update
10/09/2020	2020-B-07137	FTC #9: Application for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020 – Stage 1 decision to 4 September 2020
10/09/2020	2020-B-07142	FTC#10: Application for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act – Stage 2 decision on: § 9(2)(f)(iv)
10/09/2020	2020-B-07144	FTC#11: Application for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act – Stage 2 decision on: § 9(2)(f)(iv)
10/09/2020	2020-B-07169	Otago freshwater update #9 (10 September 2020)
10/09/2020	2020-B-07092	Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Whātua: Kaipara Moana redress – further decisions
10/09/2020	2020-B-07075	§ 9(2)(j)
11/09/2020	2020-B-07100	Adjustments to areas mapped as 'low-slope land' for the purposes of stock exclusion regulations
11/09/2020	2020-B-07093	Kaipara Moana: Crown contribution to costs of natural resource arrangements
17/09/2020	2020-B-07175	Ministerial Submission on Otago water permit applications
17/09/2020	2020-B-07105	SLU Minister Update
18/09/2020	2020-B-07189	§ 9(2)(f)(iv)
22/09/2020	2020-B-07196	Proactive release of Cabinet Paper Supporting implementation of the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020
24/09/2020	2020-B-07161	FTC#14 Applications for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act – Stage 2 decision on: § 9(2)(f)(iv)
24/09/2020	2020-B-07164	FTC#17 Applications for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act – Stage 2 decision on: § 9(2)(f)(iv)
24/09/2020	2020-B-07162	FTC#15 Applications for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act – Stage 2 decision on: § 9(2)(f)(iv)
24/09/2020	2020-B-07163	FTC#16 Applications for referred projects under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act – Stage

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		2 decision on: s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
24/09/2020	2020-B-07191	SLU Ministers Update
29/09/2020	2020-B-07199	A programme of work to restore the mauri of the wai in Horowhenua: Ministerial visit 1 Oct 2020
29/09/2020	2020-B-07192	Further Submission on Otago Plan Change 7

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