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Thank you for your email of 16 December 2020 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*A copy of any "more detailed second tier briefings" prepared by the Ministry and referred to in the para 15 of the Briefing to Incoming Ministers.*

*Could I please have these regardless of if they have been sent to Ministers.*

*Can I please have the version that is more recent as of 16th December 2020 – for example, if a final version has been sent to the Minister, his final version, or, if a draft has been prepared but not yet sent to a minister, the most recent draft version.*

The Ministry has identified five documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule.

These documents are set to be proactively released on the Ministry website in the next four to eight weeks. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the documents sought will soon be publicly available.

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, under this Act.

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 are on its 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 [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



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Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	6 November 2020	Resource management reform briefing #1 – Process, timeframes and initial policy matters 2020-B-07257	Refused	18(d) – will soon be publicly available.
2	5 November 2020	Freshwater system initial briefing for Incoming Minister 2020 2020-B-07262	Refused	18(d) – will soon be publicly available.
3	3 November 2020	Waste and Resource Efficiency Secondary Briefing 2020-B-07259	Refused	18(d) – will soon be publicly available.
4	5 November 2020	Jobs for Nature Programme 2020-B-07285	Refused	18(d) – will soon be publicly available.
5	4 November 2020	2020-B-07269 - Second-tier advice - the climate change work programme	Refused	18(d) – will soon be publicly available.