



OIAD-1158

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 8 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*# A list of work programmes which had at least one staff member working on them prior to October 14, 2023 that currently do not have any staff members working on them.*

*# The above list broken down by how many staff members were working on the work programme prior to October 14, 2023; the date staff members were directed to no longer work on the given work programme; and by who (such as which minister or official) that direction came from.*

*# Copies of any findings, briefings, documents, and communications including emails, discussing the removal of staff from the given work programme.*

*The information sought in this request is to be used as part of a report by the New Zealand Herald.*

As you are aware, the third part of your request was refined to only include formal advice, such as briefings and documents, discussing the removal of staff from the given work programme.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has decided to grant your request. However, it will take us some time to prepare the information for release. We expect to be able to provide a full response to your request no later than 9 September 2024.

The Ministry has compiled a table in response to the first and second parts of your request in a document 'Appendix 1', and this will be released to you in full.

The Ministry has identified ten documents in scope of the third part of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule. Of these documents:

- Three of these documents will be released in full
- Three documents have been refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available.
- Some information within the remaining documents has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation.

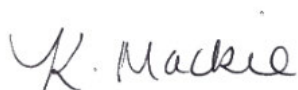
Some material has also been withheld where it is out of scope of this request.

The Ministry will also be releasing a suite of budget 2024-related documents at the end of September 2024, and these documents will be released on our website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/oia-releases/>.

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 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).

Nāku noa, nā



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**Document schedule – Part three of the request**

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	19 October 2023	Document <i>'Advice to Deputy Secretary PID on FTR activities in context of changing administration'</i>	Released in part	Out of scope information redacted
1.1	19 October 2023	Email <i>'FTR projects - advice, and then talking points for calls'</i>	Released in full	N/A
2	29 November 2023	Document – <i>'BRF-3951 – Delivering your resource management priorities: repeal of the NBA and SPA'</i>	Refused	18(d) – The information is publicly available at: <a href="#">BRF-3951 Publicly released</a>
3	20 March 2024	Document – <i>'Discharge of the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill'</i>	Refused	18(d) – The information is publicly available at: <a href="#">Discharge of the Kermadec Ocean Sanctuary Bill   Ministry for the Environment</a>
3.1	13 December 2023	Document – <i>'BRF-3990 Advice on retention or discharge of the Ocean Sanctuary Bill'</i>	Refused	18(d) – The information is publicly available at: <a href="#">BRF-3990 - Publicly released</a>
4	20 March 2024	Email – <i>'FW_Kaiwhakare Pilot end 28 June 2024'</i>	Released in full	N/A
4.1	21 March 2024	Document – <i>'Draft messaging_internal and external_kaiwhakare'</i>	Released in full	N/A

5	26 March 2024	Te Pūrengi - Business Planning document	Released in part	9(2)(g)(i) Out of scope information withheld
6	23 May 2024	Te Pūrengi – Business Planning document	Released in part	9(2)(g)(i) Out of scope information withheld
7	26 June 2024	Strategy Led Business Planning document	Released in part	9(2)(g)(i) Out of scope information withheld