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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 18 September 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Papers related to delegation of power to Hon Chris Bishop to review and develop the RMA national planning direction.*
- *The papers related to delegations to all the other Ministers that are contributing to the development of the national direction and national environmental standards.*
- *Papers related to the final decision-making process when these pieces of work are completed.*

As advised, we have partially transferred the second and third points of your request to the Ministry for Primary Industries where they relate to the delegation of powers for plantation forestry and the National Standard for Aquaculture.

I have identified one Cabinet paper, four briefings and two updated appendices in scope of your request. Please refer to the below document table for an overview.

I am refusing the Cabinet paper under section 18(d) of the Act, as it will be publicly available on or around 10 December 2024 on the Ministry for the Environment's website.

I am releasing the remaining documents to you in full. The two updated appendices were provided to Ministers as word documents attached to an email and have been included alongside this email for context as a single document.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found 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 schedule

#	Date	Code	Title	Decision
1	04-12-2023	BRF-3977	Scope and working arrangements of the RMA Reform portfolio	Released in full
2	14-12-2023	BRF-4003	Confirming the scope and working arrangements of the RMA Reform portfolio	Released in full
3	20-12-2023	BRF-4005	Environment portfolio delegations	Released in full
4	17-04-2024	BRF-4606	Further advice on exercise of RMA statutory functions	Released in full
5	07-05-2024	N/A	Email thread and attachments – BRF-4606 Further advice on exercising RMA statutory functions and powers	Released in full
6	01-07-2024	CAB-438	Resource Management Reform Phase 2 National Direction	Refused in full under section 18(d) of the Act