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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your emails of 8 and 20 May 2025 making the following request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

- 1) Has the Ministry provided any advice to the Minister for the Environment, the Minister for Regulation, the Minister for RMA reform or any other members of cabinet regarding the issue of "regulatory takings" in either the RMA reforms or the regulatory standards bill?*
 - 2) If so, please provide a copy of this advice.*
 - 3) Please provide a list of all documents, including both their title and date, held by the Ministry, that have considered the issue of "regulatory takings".*
 - 4) A copy of all documents outlined in the above list (in response to question 3).*
- This request is restricted to the current government term.*

The Ministry has not provided any advice to the Minister for the Environment, the Minister for Regulation, the Minister for RMA Reform or any other Cabinet ministers regarding the issue of "regulatory takings" in either the RMA Reform process or the Regulatory Standards Bill in the current government term.

The Ministry holds twelve internal documents that consider the issue of "regulatory takings" with respect to the current government term. I am withholding these in full, including their titles and dates, under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect 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 information in this request 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 decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: 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.

Nāku noa, nā

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