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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 08 November 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the OIA can I please request the following briefing: BRF-5091 - Regulation of non-GM new organisms 29/10/24

The Ministry for the Environment has identified one document in scope of your request: *BRF-5091 Regulation of non-GM new organisms*. Some information within this briefing has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 18(d) the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.
- 9(2)(g)(i) 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 or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.
- 9(2)(h) maintain legal professional privilege.

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.

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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