Ministry for the Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

27 November 2025

OIAD-1749

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Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 4 September 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

> *all RMA reform portfolio weekly reports dating back to May 22nd.*

On 15 September 2025, the Ministry contacted you to advise that, while work on your request is underway, we considered that the wording of your request required clarification. On 30 September 2025, you responded that you were happy to refine the wording of your request to the following:

> *You can amend my request to be for the portfolio weekly reports from the 22nd of May to the end of June and I'll lodge separate OIAs for the other months.*

On 29 October 2025, the Ministry extended the timeframe for its response to your request under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original timeframe.

On 13 November 2025, the Ministry advised you that, although your request had been granted, additional time was required to finalise the documents in scope of your request. We also confirmed that these documents would be provided to you as soon as possible, and no later than 27 November 2025.

I have identified six documents in scope of your request, as listed in the document schedule below. I am releasing these documents to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

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)	to maintain legal professional privilege.

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 publishes responses to requests for official information shortly after the response has been sent on our website at: https://environment.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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Document schedule

#	Date	Title	Decision	Grounds
1	23/5/2025	Final Resource Management Reform Weekly Update week ending 23 May 2025	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)
2	30/5/2025	Final Resource Management Reform Weekly Update week ending 30 May 2025	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)
3	6/6/2025	Final Resource Management Reform Weekly Update week ending 6 June 2025	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)
4	13/6/2025	Final Resource Management Reform Weekly Update week ending 13 June 2025	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(h)
5	20/6/2025	Final Resource Management Reform Weekly Update week ending 20 June 2025	Release in part	9(2)(f)(iv)
6	27/6/2025	Final Resource Management Reform Weekly Update week ending 27 June 2025	Release in part	9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i), 9(2)(h)