

Weekly Update – Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 5 February 2018

Upcoming meetings

Week 5 February – 16 February

5 February	-	Waitangi day meetings
7 February	8:30am- 9:00am	Housing Commission: Organisational functions and form with Ministers Robertson, Jones, Hipkins, Parker and Mahuta
	11:00am- 11:45am	Housing Commission: Maori interests meeting with Ministers Mahuta and Parker
	1.00pm	EPA Board Strategy
8 February	11.15am – 12.00pm	Environment officials meeting
9 February	9.00am	Auckland urban planning issues with the Independent Hearings Panel and officials
	11.00am	Resource Management reform Coalition (Infrastructure NZ, Business NZ, Property Council, EMA, EDS)
12 February	11.15am – 12.00pm	Environment officials meeting - weekly update
13 February	8:15am- 8:55am	Housing Commission: Powers over reserves and planning and consenting meeting with Ministers Parker and Sage
	3.30pm	Weekly meeting with Minister Sage
15 February	8:00am- 9:00am	Housing Commission: Core elements meeting with Ministers Parker, Mahuta, and Jones
	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Chief Executives Environment and Economy Forum

Proposed meetings which are not yet confirmed

Chew session on Emissions Trading Scheme

1. Progress towards Government’s strategic priorities

1.1. Climate Change

Zero Carbon Bill

The next Cabinet committee meeting for the Zero Carbon Bill is the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV) on 20 March. This will focus on the terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee. The Minister for Climate Change will consult you in the week beginning 12 February. The focus of the consultation will be the terms of reference for the climate change public sector board of Chief Executives (CE Board) and terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee.

1.2. Urban

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1.3. Water

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2. Updates for noting

2.1. Christchurch urban water survey

Christchurch City Council has released a survey of urban residents’ perceptions of freshwater quality, their understanding of urban water pressures and the actions they are personally willing to take. Participants rated the health of waterways as the second highest social priority following health but most perceive water quality as poor or terrible. The vast majority expressed willingness to reduce their impact on water (up to 88% depending on the action) and 56% say they are willing to join in community waterway clean-up activities. Christchurch City Council will use the results to design an urban water education and behaviour change campaign. This, together with similar work by Environment Canterbury, is intended to give effect to the objectives developed by the Christchurch – West Melton Zone Committee.

2.2. Water Conservation Order – Te Waikoropupū Springs

The Water Conservation Order application for the Te Waikoropupū Springs was publicly notified on 31 January 2017. The submission period ends on 28 February 2018. The hearing itself is likely to be in April.

Background

On 7 April 2017, Andrew Yuill and Ngāti Tama Ki Te Waipounamu Trust submitted a revised version of their 2014 application. The application covers the Arthur Mabel Aquifer, Te Waikoropupū Springs, the Takaka River and its tributaries, and all associated ground water. The original application was made in 2014 (then Minister for the Environment, Amy Adams requested further information from the Applicants). On 5 June 2017, Minister for the Environment, Nick Smith accepted the revised application. He appointed a Special Tribunal of five members.

2.3. New Zealand's 8th National Report to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

The Minister of Conservation is planning to release New Zealand's 8th National Report to the Ramsar Convention on wetlands accompanied by a press statement on World Wetlands Day, Friday 2nd February. In this submission New Zealand reports for the first time that the extent and ecological characters of our wetlands have declined.

2.4. Environment Court Decision in relation to a Heritage Protection Authority

A decision of the Environment Court was released last week on an appeal between The Wellington Company and Save Erskine College Trust (ENV 2017 WLG 000038). This decision is relevant as it concerns a Heritage Protection Authority (HPA) – Save Erskine College Trust (SECT). New Ministerial powers to transfer a heritage order from one HPA to another were enacted under the Resource Legislation Amendment Act 2017 (RLAA).

The interim decision by Judge Newhook is comprehensive in providing analysis of heritage, engineering, economic feasibility, reasonable use and legal RMA matters, as well as providing commentary on the role of the HPA. You are meeting Judge Newhook on 7 February and this judgement may come up in that conversation. Key points of interest from this decision are:

- The appeal relates to the HPA's refusal of consent under s193 of the RMA to the developer, The Wellington Company (TWC), to implement resource consent for a housing development granted by Wellington City Council under the Housing Accords and Special Housing Areas Act 2013 (HASHAA).
- The decision finds in favour of TWC, allowing for the demolition of the heritage listed Main Building but requiring immediate strengthening of the Chapel (of very significant heritage value) before progress is made on other aspects of the housing development.
- The decision refers to "the now legally thorny consideration of whether an 'overall broad judgement' is required under Part 2 of the RMA" (citing *King Salmon*) but concludes that section 6(f) would not be recognised and provided for unless the protection of one heritage building is ensured, compared to an uncertain outcome for both buildings.
- The Court notes a "troubling" concern about the role of the HPA and that it has not lived up to the promises it made to the Minister when seeking its HPA status from the Minister for the Environment.

There is a reasonable chance that SECT may appeal this decision to the High Court. We will update your office with any further developments. We can provide further advice

on the role of the HPA alongside the new heritage order transfer powers, introduced under RLAA if you wish.

2.5. Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill

The Ministry, alongside the Department of Internal Affairs, have been appointed advisors to the Governance and Administration Committee in relation to the Thames-Coromandel District Council and Hauraki District Council Mangrove Management Bill (the Mangroves Bill). Public submissions on the Bill close on 23 February. The Committee is scheduled to report back to the House on or before 29 March.

The Ministry will keep you informed of progress of the Mangroves Bill via the Weekly Update, including on any significant issues that may arise. We will also provide you copies of any advice provided to the Select Committee for your information.

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3. Briefing notes

5 February – 16 February

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Date due to your office
Government Response to Crumb Rubber Petition - Talking points for LEG Committee	MfE	Talking points for presenting the Government response to the Local Government and Environment Committee's report on Petition 2014/93 David Shen on Crumb Rubber	5 February
Meeting note - Housing Commission: Organisational issues	MfE	To support you in a meeting with fellow Ministers on 7 February	5 February
9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Coordinated actions to improve sediment in fresh water: Case study in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region	MfE	Outlines results of a case study which has associated water quality improvements with catchment management interventions in the Manawatu-Whanganui Region	7 February
Meeting note for visit to Auckland and meeting with Environment Court judge	MfE	You will be meeting with officials from the Auckland Policy Office (MfE, MOT and MBIE) to discuss Auckland planning and urban development issues. You will also be meeting with Judge Newhook, Judge Kirkpatrick and chief executives from the resource reform coalition.	7 February
9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Chief Executives Environment and Economy Forum 15 February	MfE	Background information and talking points to support your attendance at the Chief Executive Environment and Economy Forum on 15 February.	12 February
9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

Initiating ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol	MfE	This briefing note seeks your approval to begin the treaty examination process for ratification of the Kigali Amendment to phase down HFCs under the Montreal Protocol. We seek your approval to take this to Cabinet Business Committee or the Environment, Energy and Climate Committee.	14 February
Submission of draft regulations on the deposition of material from rocket launches	MfE	Accompanies a LEG paper, draft regulations and RIS for seeking Cabinet approval of amendment regulations for the deposit of jettisoned material from space vehicle launches on the seabed in the wider EEZ.	15 February
De-newing under the HSNO Act - Approval for EPA Consultation	MfE	Advising you of the process for removing the new organism classification from certain organisms - a process known as "de-newing" - and asking you to request the EPA to consult on this.	15 February
Options for the implementation of the first set of national planning standards	MfE	Seeks your decision on your preferred option for implementing the first set of national planning standards and the ways that we can support implementation.	15 February

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you 5 February – 2 March

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
Initiating ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol	CBC or EEC (unconfirmed)	To ratify the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, an accompanying National Interest Analysis will need to be approved by Cabinet and then presented to the House for Parliamentary Treaty Examination. This paper will also seek policy approval for controls to implement the treaty. Cabinet approval is required to place New Zealand in the best position to ratify by the end of 2018.	Due to you: 14 February Due to lodge: 15 February Due to Cabinet Environment Committee: 20 February OR Due to lodge: 28 February Due to Cabinet Business Committee: 5 March

International Crumb Rubber Research	LEG	Outlines the governments intentions to take the Local Government and Environment Committee's recommendations of initiating a watching brief for international crumb rubber research.	Due to you: 26 February Due to lodge: 1 February (Lodged by Minister Sage's office) Due to Cabinet Legislative Committee: 8 February
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5. Engagement

5.1. Key issues in the media

- Media coverage of the America's Cup base location continues following the opening of public submissions on the Wynyard Basin proposal. Brian Rudman (NZ Herald) was supportive of you pursuing the Wynyard Point option; he asserted that the Wynyard Basin option was proposed by Panuku who "wanted to open the council and government cheque books and build major new wharf extensions to accommodate this one off event". The article went on to say that "Two weeks ago, Panuku quietly revealed... that its main game was not the America's Cup regatta, but a new grand plan for the waterfront".

- There have been numerous reports across the country of unsafe water ways due to unhealthy e.coli or algae levels. These stories are appearing in both major and local media outlets.
- Forest and Bird has asserted that the granting of resource consents for the East-West Link “went against policies to protect the environment in the Auckland Unitary Plan,” according to an NZ Herald report. They went on to say that “This is a terrible precedent for Auckland. Even though the Government has said the road is not going ahead in its current form, this decision means plans could be revived by future governments.”

6. Official Information Act requests

6.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
A copy of the document received by the Minister on 17 November 2017 titled “Informational briefing on Kermadec / Rangitahua Ocean Sanctuary” as referred to in his answer to WQ 10180(2017)	9(2)(a) National Party	17-O-01653 (combined with 17-O-01565)	25 January	1 February
I request the following information referenced in your response to my Written Question no. 17367 (2017) Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Environment, Environment and Climate, Built and Urban Systems, Resource Management system slide pack.	9(2)(a) National Party	18-O-00013	5 February	12 February
1. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding genetic engineering or genetic modification. 2. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. [FOR HON PARKER]	9(2)(a) Act Party	18-O-00020	6 February	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-O-00020 1. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding genetic engineering or genetic modification. 2. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.	9(2)(a) Act Party	18-O-00024	6 February	13 February
A PDF copy of all official information generated by the official information request of mine below about the cost of global warming.	9(2)(a)	18-O-00027	6 February	13 February

Under the Official Information Act 1982, please provide me with a list of titles of briefings, reports, memos, aides-memoire and similar documents you have received since becoming Minister for the Environment on 26 October 2017.	9(2)(a) ██████████ Act Party	18-O-00067	9 February	16 February
I request a list of appointments made in your capacity as Minister for the Environment since 26 October 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, appointments made to boards, inquiries, and working groups. I would like this request presented with names of appointees, the organisation they were appointed to, and the date on which they were appointed.	9(2)(a) ██████████ National Party	18-O-00102	20 February	27 February

6.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
I request all information, documents, and correspondence held by the Ministry of the Environment relating to: A) the benefit of irrigation and water storage projects to New Zealand; and B) irrigation and water storage as a method of climate adaptation for both domestic and/or rural populations; and C) the environmental, economic, and social impacts of irrigation and/or water storage; and D) any other information held by the Ministry that relates to irrigation and water storage in New Zealand that has been commissioned, received, or conducted by the Ministry since 2007, and that is not otherwise covered by this request.	9(2) ██████████ FYI.org.nz	17-D-01614	23 January	30 January
I request all information, documents, and correspondence relating to the environmental impact of tourism in New Zealand that has been conducted, commissioned, and/or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 2012	9(2) ██████████ FYI.org.nz	17-D-01615	24 January	31 January
The analysis and data related to the Waikato River Authority (WRA) which was provided in the Crown report questionnaires (completed as part of the Waikato and Waipā river arrangements review) by Waikato-Tainui's accord Crown agency and Joint Management Agreement (JMA) partners (i.e. councils and government departments).	9(2)(a) ██████████ Waikato Raupatu Lands Trust	17-D-01613	N/A	9 February
Dating back to April 2015, any advice, reports, briefings, emails or memos on the presence of PFOS and PFOA. This should include – but not exclude – the testing carried out on Defence land.	9(2)(a) ██████████ Political Reporter, TVNZ	18-D-00023	5 February	12 February

<p>A copy of the event note for Minister Parker's visit to Rotorua, titled in our records as 'Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme site visits'</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Bay of Plenty Regional Council</p>	<p>18-D-00012 (Same document as in scope of 17-O-01573)</p>	<p>6 February</p>	<p>13 February</p>
<p>Any reports, memos, briefing notes, and emails generated by or received by officials relating to matters regarding waste from the Tiwai aluminium smelter, currently being stored in various locations around Southland.</p>	<p>9(2)(a)</p>	<p>18-D-00039</p>	<p>6 February</p>	<p>13 February</p>
<p>Any reports/ memos/ briefings prepared on the existence of asbestos in the country's water infrastructure prepared in the last two years. This should include any material prepared following the discovery of asbestos in Temuka's water supply in December.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Political Reporter, TVNZ</p>	<p>18-D-00047</p>	<p>6 February</p>	<p>13 February</p>
<p>Can MFE tell me how much funding the Iwi Leaders Forum/Chairs organisation has received from the ministry? What has this money been used for? Does MFE know the value for money it's gotten for this funding? Are there individuals contracted by the Forum to do work for it but paid for by the ministry? How much have these individuals been paid? I understand one of the individuals is Willie Te Aho...is this correct? How much has he been paid? What work has he been completed? Can this data be broken down by year...going back five years please? Would someone be able to call me about whether these questions are able to be answered by February 1?</p>	<p>9(2)(a) TVNZ</p>	<p>18-D-00079</p>	<p>9 February</p>	<p>16 February</p>
<p>Was the design of your ministry's annual reports for the last three financial years designed internally within your ministry or designed externally outside of your ministry? If designed externally, which company or contractor did your ministry engage and at what cost? Please include receipts, if possible.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) NZ Taxpayers Union</p>	<p>18-D-00072</p>	<p>13 February</p>	<p>21 February</p>
<p>I'd like to please be sent a copy of the contract awarded by the Ministry for the Environment to Waste Management New Zealand under the Waste Minimisation Fund, as listed here: http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/profiles-of-funded-projects/tackling-problem-of-used-tyres-new It would be helpful to be sent any additional documents (via email) that the Ministry can give me regarding its contracts or business relationship with Waste Management New Zealand regarding tackling the problem of used tyres and waste minimisation."</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Fairfax Media</p>	<p>18-D-00097</p>	<p>19 February</p>	<p>26 February</p>

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For the week starting 12 February 2018

Environment weekly meeting 11.00 am – 11.45am, Monday 12 February

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water

Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Resource Management

Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	10
2.	PFAS update	Claire Richardson	Verbal update	5
3.	S9(2)(f)(iv)	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	10
4.	Housing and urban planning update	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	10
5.	Amendment to the EEZ Act	Penny Nelson	Verbal update	5
6.	CME letter – latest version	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	5

Outstanding actions from previous meeting

1. PFAS

- Actions from Wednesday 7 February meeting – *verbal update on progress to be provided.*

2. Tiwai point waste

- S9(2)(g)(i) – *will be delivered to you this week.*

Upcoming meetings

Week 12 – 23 February

12 February	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
	5.00pm	Housing Ministers meeting with the Prime Minister
	6.00pm	Te Hono Chief Executives meeting (NZTE)
13 February	8:15am - 8:55am	S9(2)(f)(iv) and planning and consenting meeting with Ministers Parker, Twyford and Sage
	3.30pm	Weekly meeting with Minister Sage
	4.00pm	Havelock North water inquiry with Ministers Clarke and Mahuta
14 February	9.00am	Zero Carbon Bill with Minister Shaw
	10.00am	S9(2)(f)(iv)
	6.00pm	Chair of LGNZ
15 February	8:00am - 9:00am	Housing Commission: Core elements meeting with Ministers Parker, Twyford, Mahuta, and Jones
	11.15am – 12.00pm	Environment officials meeting – Integrated Resource Management work programme
	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Chief Executives Environment and Economy Forum
	5.15pm	Speech to Regional Sector Group
19 February	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
20 February	6.30pm	Dairy Company Associate of New Zealand function
22 February	9.15am	Speaking at AgCarm summer conference 2018
	11.15am – 12.00pm	Environment officials meeting – Regular policy discussion

Proposed meetings which are not yet confirmed

Regular policy discussion -
Thursdays

Proposed Topics

- Partnerships
- Urban Development Authorities
- Housing affordability

1. Progress towards Government’s Strategic priorities

1.1. Climate Change

Zero Carbon Bill

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1.3. Water

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2. Actions and decisions

2.1. Letter of expectations to Chairs/Mayors of councils on compliance, monitoring and enforcement

Officials have revised the letter of expectations on councils’ performance on compliance, monitoring and enforcement in accordance with your feedback provided on 31 January. Once you have approved the general text, we will provide tailored individual letters to your office for your signature.

Do you approve the text of the letter of expectations?

Yes/No

3. Updates for noting

3.1. Land and Water Forum

The Land and Water Forum Small Group met on Friday, 9 February. The focus of their meeting was to determine how to progress the work programme that you have directed them to undertake. Officials are intending to support the Forum through information sharing and peer review.

3.2. 2020 International Wetlands Conference

The International Congress of Ecology (INTECOL) holds an international conference on wetlands every 4 years. On 2nd February 2018 we were notified that a bid from Christchurch City to host the 10th INTERCOL International Wetlands Conference in September 2020, with the proposed theme of 'Wetland research and management; traditional knowledge and innovative science' was successful. The bid was led by the Department of Conservation. Support for this bid was given by the Ministry for the Environment, as it has strong links to our work programmes and long term outcomes.

3.3. Ministry of Transport Government Policy Statement – Engagement Draft

The Ministry of Transport (MoT) is reviewing the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) for 2018, which is due to be re-issued in June. Each GPS is in place for a period of six years, but must set out the results that the Government wishes to achieve over a 10-year period. It must also set out how much funding will be provided and how this funding will be raised.

The proposed GPS strategic priorities are: Safety; Access; Environment; and Value for Money. Compared to earlier drafts, the draft GPS for engagement has a greater focus on environmental and social outcomes. MfE has provided comments to ensure connections to desired outcomes for urban areas and climate change, and to support greater identification of co-benefits in the document (e.g. vehicle fleet fuel efficiency).

The draft GPS for engagement and accompanying Cabinet paper are expected to be lodged with the Cabinet Office on 22 February for consideration by Cabinet on the 26 February. The Cabinet paper will seek permission to release the GPS for consultation between early March and April 2018.

3.4. Andrew Morlet CEO of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation is visiting New Zealand arriving in Auckland on 26 February to 3 March.

The Sustainable Business Network (SBN) and WasteMINZ are coordinating the major events in Auckland and Wellington. An invitation from Rachel Brown CEO from SBN will be extended to Minister Parker, Minister Sage and Minister Shaw to attend the events but also to meet with Andrew should the Ministers wish to meet.

3.5. Marlborough Salmon Relocation Report

The Minister of Aquaculture, Hon Stewart Nash, is now intending to release an independent panel's report on relocating New Zealand King Salmon farms in Marlborough on 14 February 2018. The report is to inform whether to make section 360A RMA regulations to relocate the under-performing farms. Officials will be available on the day to answer your questions on the report. You will be briefed on the contents of the report shortly after the report is released. You may also want to direct any enquiries you receive on the report to Hon Nash's office."

4. Briefing notes

12 February – 23 February

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Date due to your office
Chief Executives Environment and Economy Forum 15 February	MfE	Background information and talking points to support your attendance at the Chief Executive Environment and Economy Forum on 15 February.	12 February
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[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
An integrated resource management work programme for 2018	MfE	Outlines an integrated work programme for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the resource management system.	14 February
Submission of draft regulations on the deposition of material from rocket launches	MfE	Accompanies a LEG paper, draft regulations and RIS for seeking Cabinet approval of amendment regulations for the deposit of jettisoned material from space vehicle launches on the seabed in the wider EEZ.	15 February
De-newing under the HSNO Act - Approval for EPA Consultation	MfE	Advising you of the process for removing the new organism classification from certain organisms - a process known as "de-newing" - and asking you to request the EPA to consult on this.	15 February

Goals for Land-based Sectors	ENV	The paper makes the connections between the Government's key commitments, sets out the major milestones and proposes the goals for the future of the land-based sectors. Achieving these goals is a critical component of making the necessary transition to a strong and sustainable New Zealand economy.	Due to you: 12 February Due to lodge: 15 February Due to Cabinet Environment Committee: 20 February
International Crumb Rubber Research	LEG	Outlines the governments intentions to take the Local Government and Environment Committee's recommendations of initiating a watching brief for international crumb rubber research.	Due to you: 26 February Due to lodge: 1 February (Lodged by Minister Sage's office) Due to Cabinet Legislative Committee: 8 February

6. Engagement

6.1. Key issues in the media

- Ongoing media coverage of the PFAS issue – with a focus on the information being provided to local residents.
- The New Zealand Herald reported that Hawkes Bay plumbers are dealing with increased damage to water pipes and water cylinders due to chlorination.
- The plight of our country's wetlands and World Wetlands Day were the focus of several reports in regional and major metropolitan newspapers.
- The Dominion Post and other major newspapers covered National MP Scott Simpson's request for Government to take action to prevent plastic waste entering our oceans.

7. Official Information Act requests

7.1. Ministerial

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On The Waitangi Tribunal's national Freshwater and Geothermal Resources Inquiry that the Minister received on 2 November 2017 (Minister's reply to my WQ 10241(2017).'	9(2)(a) National Party	17-O-01567		26 January
1. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding genetic engineering or genetic modification.	9(2)(a) Act Party	18-O-00020	6 February	13 February

<p>2. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. [FOR HON PARKER]</p>				
<p>LINKED WITH 18-O-00020 1. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding genetic engineering or genetic modification.</p> <p>2. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Act Party</p>	<p>18-O-00024</p>	<p>6 February</p>	<p>13 February</p>
<p>Under the Official Information Act 1982, please provide me with a list of titles of briefings, reports, memos, aides-memoire and similar documents you have received since becoming Minister for the Environment on 26 October 2017.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Act Party</p>	<p>18-O-00067</p>	<p>9 February</p>	<p>16 February</p>
<p>A copy of the document received by the Minister on 17 November 2017 titled "Informational briefing on Kermadec / Rangitahua Ocean Sanctuary" as referred to in his answer to WQ 10180(2017)</p>	<p>9(2)(a) National Party</p>	<p>17-O-01653 (combined with 17-O-01565)</p>	<p>12 January</p>	<p>19 February</p>
<p>[Linked with 18-O-00121] I request a list of appointments made in your capacity as Minister for the Environment since 26 October 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, appointments made to boards, inquiries, and working groups.</p> <p>I would like this request presented with names of appointees, the organisation they were appointed to, and the date on which they were appointed.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00102</p>	<p>20 February</p>	<p>27 February</p>
<p>[Linked with 18-O-00102] I request a list of appointments made in your capacity as Associate Minister for the Environment since 26 October 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, appointments made to boards, inquiries, and working groups.</p> <p>I would like this request presented with names of appointees, the organisation they were appointed to, and the date on which they were appointed.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00102</p>	<p>21 February</p>	<p>28 February</p>

7.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due to send
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence held by the Ministry of the Environment relating to:</p> <p>A) the benefit of irrigation and water storage projects to New Zealand; and</p> <p>B) irrigation and water storage as a method of climate adaptation for both domestic and/or rural populations; and</p> <p>C) the environmental, economic, and social impacts of irrigation and/or water storage; and</p> <p>D) any other information held by the Ministry that relates to irrigation and water storage in New Zealand that has been commissioned, received, or conducted by the Ministry since 2007, and that is not otherwise covered by this request.</p>	<p>9(2) FYI.org.nz</p>	17-D-01614	30 January – team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence relating to the environmental impact of tourism in New Zealand that has been conducted, commissioned, and/or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 2012</p>	<p>9(2) FYI.org.nz</p>	17-D-01615	31 January - team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
<p>The analysis and data related to the Waikato River Authority (WRA) which was provided in the Crown report questionnaires (completed as part of the Waikato and Waipā river arrangements review) by Waikato-Tainui's accord Crown agency and Joint Management Agreement (JMA) partners (i.e. councils and government departments).</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Waikato Raupatu Lands Trust</p>	17-D-01613	9 February
<p>Dating back to April 2015, any advice, reports, briefings, emails or memos on the presence of PFOS and PFOA. This should include – but not exclude – the testing carried out on Defence land.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Political Reporter, TVNZ</p>	18-D-00023	12 February
<p>A copy of the event note for Minister Parker's visit to Rotorua, titled in our records as 'Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme site visits'</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Bay of Plenty Regional Council</p>	18-D-00012 (Same document as in scope of 17-O-01573)	13 February
<p>Any reports, memos, briefing notes, and emails generated by or received by officials relating to matters regarding waste from the Tiwai aluminium smelter, currently being stored in various locations around Southland.</p>	<p>9(2)(a)</p>	18-D-00039	13 February
<p>Can MFE tell me how much funding the Iwi Leaders Forum/Chairs organisation has received from the ministry? What has this money been used for? Does MFE know the value for money it's gotten for this funding? Are there individuals contracted by the Forum to do work for it but paid for by the ministry? How much have these individuals been paid? I understand one of the individuals is Willie Te Aho...is this</p>	<p>9(2)(a) TVNZ</p>	18-D-00079	16 February

<p>correct? How much has he been paid?</p> <p>What work has he been completed?</p> <p>Can this data be broken down by year...going back five years please?</p> <p>Would someone be able to call me about whether these questions are able to be answered by February 1?</p>			
<p>Was the design of your ministry's annual reports for the last three financial years designed internally within your ministry or designed externally outside of your ministry? If designed externally, which company or contractor did your ministry engage and at what cost? Please include receipts, if possible.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) NZ Taxpayers Union</p>	18-D-00072	21 February
<p>I'd like to please be sent a copy of the contract awarded by the Ministry for the Environment to Waste Management New Zealand under the Waste Minimisation Fund, as listed here: http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/profiles-of-funded-projects/tackling-problem-of-used-tyres-new</p> <p>It would be helpful to be sent any additional documents (via email) that the Ministry can give me regarding its contracts or business relationship with Waste Management New Zealand regarding tackling the problem of used tyres and waste minimisation."</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Fairfax Media</p>	18-D-00097	26 February
<p>A copy of the legal opinion the EPA had done on waste oil.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Salters Cartage Ltd</p>	18-D-00233	2 March
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Weekly Update – Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 19 February 2018

Environment weekly meeting 11.00 am – 11.30am, Monday 19 February

Attendees: Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate

Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water

Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary, Resource Management

Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal update	10
2.	Water update	Cheryl Barnes	Verbal update	10
3.	Urban update	Amanda Moran	Verbal update	10
4.	PFAS update	Claire Richardson	Verbal update	5

Actions from previous meeting

1. Water

- S9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

2. Urban

- 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

3. PFAS

- Write formal letters to other agencies setting out requests for action
- Analyse the Australian management strategy coming out so able to explain how best it can be applied to the New Zealand situation
- OIA information to be provided to councils and affected people

Upcoming meetings

Week 19 February – 2 March

19 February	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
	2.30pm	Department of Conservation officials on West power concession application
20 February	4.00pm	Prime Minister and Environmental NGOs
	5.00pm	Environment Cabinet Committee
	6.30pm	Dairy Company Associate of New Zealand function
21 February	4.00 pm – 4.45 pm	Environment officials meeting – Regular policy discussion
22 February	9.15am	Speaking at AgCarm summer conference 2018
26 February	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
27 February	9.00am	Ministers Twyford and Genter on the Urban Growth Agenda
	3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Minister Sage and Minister Parker regular meeting
	6.45pm	Speech at Cooperative Business NZ Leader's Forum and Dinner
1 March	11.15am – 12.00pm	Environment officials meeting – Regular policy discussion

Proposed meetings which are not yet confirmed

Environment officials meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion on Urban Development Authorities• Discussion on partnerships• Discussion on housing affordability• Water Bottling
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1. Progress towards Government's strategic priorities

1.1. Climate Change

Zero Carbon Bill

The next Cabinet committee meeting for the Zero Carbon Bill is the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee (ENV) on 20 March. The ENV policy paper to be put forward by the Minister for Climate Change, will seek Cabinet's agreement on the terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee and provide further information on the process to appoint its membership. The ENV paper will also provide an update on the terms of reference for the climate change public sector board of Chief Executives (CE Board).

1.2. Urban

S9(2)(f)(iv)

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1.3. Water

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2. Updates for noting

2.1. Water Conservation Order – Te Waikoropupū Springs

We have been notified by the EPA that Che Wilson, one of the members of the Special Tribunal hearing the Water Conservation Order application for the Te Waikoropupū Springs, has resigned from the Tribunal, leaving four members. While this does not prevent the Tribunal from progressing, as the Chair has the deciding vote in the case of even numbers, it leaves the Tribunal without iwi representation. We are currently considering options and will discuss these with your office. The next meeting of the Tribunal is Thursday 15 February 2018, and will proceed with the four remaining members.

2.2. Wai 2358: National Freshwater and Geothermal Resources Inquiry

Tribunal staff have advised us that the week three of the Waitangi Tribunal's National Freshwater and Geothermal Resources Inquiry (Wai 2358), previously scheduled for the third week of March, will now be held on 13-17 August.

The change in hearing dates does not alter the deadline for the Crown to lodge supplementary evidence or its quarterly policy update, both of which are required to be lodged by Monday 19 February.

2.3. Approval of Telomelysin Live GMO Cancer Therapy

The EPA has approved an application from Oncolys Biopharma Inc to release a genetically modified Human adenovirus 5, subject to controls. This is only the third ever approval in New Zealand.

The organism is the active component of a product called Telomelysin, which is intended for treatment of melanoma (skin cancer) patients with late-stage cancers that have moved beyond the site of the original melanoma tumour, and which are surgically inoperable. The applicant applied for a Phase II clinical trial in New Zealand, and is currently sponsoring a similar trial in the United States. The approval has a five year expiry to its first use, or an expiry upon completion of the Phase II clinical trial in New Zealand.

The application was considered by the Chief Executive under the provisions for qualifying organisms (human or veterinary medicines), which is a rapid assessment pathway with no public notification. The approval is similar in many respects to that of Pexa-Vec, which was approved in October 2015.

2.4. Update on Kigali HFC phase-down work including meeting with industry

The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol will phase down hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), which are used as substitutes for ozone-depleting substances (ODSs) in refrigeration and air conditioning systems. HFCs are man-made greenhouse gases which have a climate impact, and it is predicted that successfully implementing the agreement would avoid up to 0.50 C of global warming by the end of the century. We are progressing the policy work required for New Zealand to ratify the Amendment, and are aiming to obtain Cabinet approval to do so by the end of this year.

We carried out public consultation on how New Zealand will implement the HFC phase-down last year and have continued to engage with industry on policy proposals. However, recent discussions have highlighted the need to have a more inclusive dialogue with industry representatives due to the technical nature of the proposals before we provide our package of advice to you for your consideration. A number of issues have been raised including concern that the timeframe for ratification is not consistent with the time they need to be able to order and provide refrigerants to customers. A workshop with a targeted group of industry representatives to discuss these matters has been scheduled for 23 February in Auckland.

We now anticipate sending you a briefing, Cabinet Paper and National Interest Analysis on 2 March so we can incorporate any amendments as a result of these discussions with industry representatives.

2.5. Stats NZ releasing accounts under the System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA) on 27 February 2018

Stats NZ is releasing a series of environmental accounts on 27 February 2018, marking the first of an annual release of such accounts. The accounts are prepared under the System of Environmental Economic Accounting (SEEA), an internationally agreed framework for integrating economic and environmental data. The accounts provide information on the interrelationships between the economy and environment, and the value and volume of natural resources (stocks of environmental assets) and how these change over time.

The February release will include accounts for land cover, water stocks, timber stocks, fish, timber, renewable energy, air emissions (greenhouse gases) by industry and households, marine economy, environmental protection expenditure, and environmental taxes. Stats NZ aim to expand the range of accounts available with future releases.

Stats NZ are making embargoed copies of the accounts available on the 26 February. We are working with your office to assess whether you can attend the verbal briefing Stats NZ will provide to Minister Shaw on the matter. We will also provide some written briefing material to you prior to release.

The SEEA accounts complement the six-monthly environmental reports jointly produced by the Ministry and Stats NZ under the Environmental Reporting Act 2015. The next report in the environmental reporting programme – Land 2018 – will be released by Stats NZ and the Ministry on 19 April 2018. You will be provided with further information on this report in March.

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3. Briefing notes

19 February – 2 March

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Date due to your office
2018 March Baseline Update (excluding Climate Change related appropriations) and the Statement of Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets as at 31 December 2017	MfE	To approve and sign the 2018 March Baseline Update submission (Environment related appropriations within Vote Environment) and the Statement of Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets as at 31 December 2017.	19 February
Timeline of the Ouvea Premix storage issue in Southland	MfE	An up-to-date, chronological overview of the Ouvea Premix issue in Southland.	19 February
National Planning Standards - timeframes and support for implementation	MfE	Seeks your decision on your preferred option for implementing the first set of national planning standards and the ways that we can support implementation.	20 February
9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Streamlined Planning Process - Decision on whether to issue a Direction to Bay of Plenty Regional Council (Urban Boundary Change) – Stage 2 Briefing	MfE	Seeks your decision on whether to issue a final Direction to Bay of Plenty Regional Council to use the Streamlined Planning Process (Urban Boundary Change).	21 February
Streamlined Planning Process - Decision on whether to issue a Direction to Hastings District Council (Iona Rezoning Variation) – Stage 2 Briefing	MfE	Seeks your decision on whether to issue a final Direction to Hastings District Council to use the Streamlined Planning Process (Iona Rezoning Variation).	21 February
Zero Carbon Bill	MfE	Provides updated versions of the draft Cabinet ENV paper and terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee to be sent to other ministers for consultation before lodgement with Cabinet Office.	21 February
Fiordland Marine Guardians Appointment Process	MfE	Explanation of appointment process for Fiordland Marine Guardians whose terms are expiring 31 October 2017	28 February
Appointing a Board of Inquiry for Tamarinds notified marine consent application	MfE	You are now responsible for appointing independent Boards of Inquiry to decide on certain types of notified marine consent applications. Tamarind Resources, an oil and gas company, is lodging a notified marine consent application with the EPA to drill up to five side tracks in existing oil wells off the North Island's West Coast.	28 February
Manawhakahono a Rohe	MfE	Overview of Mana Whakahono a Rohe provisions and implementation.	28 February

Covering note for LEG Committee paper on NZ Aluminium Smelters allocative baseline update	MfE	Reasons for changes to the allocative baseline for NZAS, and the impacts of those changes.	1 March
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Cabinet material being prepared for you 19 February – 16 March

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
PFAS contamination: update on response and planned next steps	ENV	PFAS contamination: update on response and planned next steps	Lodged: 16 February Due to Cabinet Environment Committee: 21 February Due to Cabinet: 26 February
9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Goals for Land-based Sectors	CBC	The paper makes the connections between the Government's key commitments, sets out the major milestones and proposes the goals for the future of the land-based sectors. Achieving these goals is a critical component of making the necessary transition to a strong and sustainable New Zealand economy.	Due to you: 26 February Due to lodge: 1 March Due to Cabinet Business Committee: 5 March

Proposed Policy for Decommissioning Regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone	CBC	The Cabinet Paper seeks approval for the release of a public discussion document on "Proposed regulations for decommissioning plans under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012. Regulations are needed in order for amendments to the EEZ Act on decommissioning to apply and to provide sufficient detail for the decommissioning process to operate effectively.	Due to you: 5 March Due to lodge: 8 March Due to Cabinet Business Committee: 14 March
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4. Engagement

4.1. Key issues in the media

- Health warnings have again been issued at dozens of beaches around Auckland, due to concerns about wastewater overflow and poor water quality.
- A wide-ranging report on fresh water by NZ Herald's Jamie Morton explores "The war over our water - swimming in it, drinking it, taking it, selling it - hit boiling point last year. Will it simmer in 2018?" The report covers fresh water quality and allocation, and breaks down for readers "how bad is the picture", then goes on to look at Government direction with quotes from you. It quotes environmental groups who call for hard targets and strict penalties, as well as better monitoring and enforcement, and quotes sector groups, who call for caution and more data and consideration of costs.
- Greenpeace has called on the Government to 'live up to their promises' [on climate change] after New Zealand Petroleum and Minerals granted oil company New Zealand Oil & Gas an extra year to decide if it will drill off the coast of Oamaru.

5. Official Information Act requests

5.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
On The Waitangi Tribunal's national Freshwater and Geothermal Resources Inquiry that the Minister received on 2 November 2017 (Minister's reply to my WQ 10241(2017)).'	9(2)(a) National Party	17-O-01567	2 February	26 January

<p>1. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding genetic engineering or genetic modification.</p> <p>2. All advice you have received from the Ministry for the Environment or the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. [FOR HON PARKER]</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Act Party</p>	<p>18-O-00020</p>	<p>Sent to your office on 8 February</p>	<p>13 February</p>
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<p>Under the Official Information Act 1982, please provide me with a list of titles of briefings, reports, memos, aides-memoire and similar documents you have received since becoming Minister for the Environment on 26 October 2017.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Act Party</p>	<p>18-O-00067</p>	<p>9 February</p>	<p>16 February</p>
<p>A copy of the document received by the Minister on 17 November 2017 titled "Informational briefing on Kermadec / Rangitahua Ocean Sanctuary" as referred to in his answer to WQ 10180(2017)</p>	<p>9(2)(a) National Party</p>	<p>17-O-01653 (combined with 17-O-01565)</p>	<p>14 February</p>	<p>19 February</p>
<p>[Leading shared with MFAT] all briefings, reports, aides memoire, memos, correspondence (including emails and text messages) and other relevant documents related to the "three options" being considered which would meet Labour's 2017 election campaign objective of taxing exports of bottled water, but would not breach any existing or proposed trade agreements, referred to by the Prime Minister on Newstalk ZB with Mike Hosking on Monday 4 December</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Office</p>	<p>18-O-00264</p>	<p>19 February</p>	<p>22 February</p>
<p>[Linked with 18-O-00121] I request a list of appointments made in your capacity as Minister for the Environment since 26 October 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, appointments made to boards, inquiries, and working groups.</p> <p>I would like this request presented with names of appointees, the organisation they were appointed to, and the date on which they were appointed.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00102</p>	<p>20 February</p>	<p>27 February</p>

<p>[Linked with 18-O-00102] I request a list of appointments made in your capacity as Associate Minister for the Environment since 26 October 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, appointments made to boards, inquiries, and working groups.</p> <p>I would like this request presented with names of appointees, the organisation they were appointed to, and the date on which they were appointed.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00102</p>	<p>21 February</p>	<p>28 February</p>
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5.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence held by the Ministry of the Environment relating to:</p> <p>A) the benefit of irrigation and water storage projects to New Zealand; and</p> <p>B) irrigation and water storage as a method of climate adaptation for both domestic and/or rural populations; and</p> <p>C) the environmental, economic, and social impacts of irrigation and/or water storage; and</p> <p>D) any other information held by the Ministry that relates to irrigation and water storage in New Zealand that has been commissioned, received, or conducted by the Ministry since 2007, and that is not otherwise covered by this request.</p>	<p>9(2) [REDACTED] FYI.org.nz</p>	<p>17-D-01614</p>		<p>30 January – team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.</p>
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence relating to the environmental impact of tourism in New Zealand that has been conducted, commissioned, and/or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 2012</p>	<p>9(2) [REDACTED] FYI.org.nz</p>	<p>17-D-01615</p>		<p>31 January - team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Dating back to April 2015, any advice, reports, briefings, emails or memos on the presence of PFOS and PFOA. This should include – but not exclude – the testing carried out on Defence land.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) [REDACTED] Political Reporter, TVNZ</p>	<p>18-D-00023</p>	<p>5 February</p>	<p>12 February</p>
<p>Can MFE tell me how much funding the Iwi Leaders Forum/Chairs organisation has received from the ministry?</p> <p>What has this money been used for?</p> <p>Does MFE know the value for money it's gotten for this funding?</p> <p>Are there individuals contracted by the Forum to do work for it but paid for by the ministry?</p>	<p>9(2)(a) [REDACTED] TVNZ</p>	<p>18-D-00079</p>	<p>9 February</p>	<p>16 February</p>

<p>How much have these individuals been paid?</p> <p>I understand one of the individuals is Willie Te Aho...is this correct? How much has he been paid?</p> <p>What work has he been completed?</p> <p>Can this data be broken down by year...going back five years please?</p> <p>Would someone be able to call me about whether these questions are able to be answered by February 1?</p>				
<p>Was the design of your ministry's annual reports for the last three financial years designed internally within your ministry or designed externally outside of your ministry? If designed externally, which company or contractor did your ministry engage and at what cost? Please include receipts, if possible.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) NZ Taxpayers Union</p>	<p>18-D-00072</p>	<p>14 February</p>	<p>21 February</p>
<p>I'd like to please be sent a copy of the contract awarded by the Ministry for the Environment to Waste Management New Zealand under the Waste Minimisation Fund, as listed here: http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/profiles-of-funded-projects/tackling-problem-of-used-tyres-new</p> <p>It would be helpful to be sent any additional documents (via email) that the Ministry can give me regarding its contracts or business relationship with Waste Management New Zealand regarding tackling the problem of used tyres and waste minimisation."</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Fairfax Media</p>	<p>18-D-00097</p>	<p>19 February</p>	<p>26 February</p>
<p>A copy of the legal opinion the EPA had done on waste oil.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Salters Cartage Ltd</p>	<p>18-D-00233</p>	<p>23 February</p>	<p>2 March</p>
<p>1.a breakdown of all costs incurred by the Ministry in relation to Ms Richardson's "handover" (including any koha in relation to the Powhiri);</p> <p>2.a list of attendees of the "handover";</p> <p>3.what precisely the "handover" consisted of;</p> <p>4.all communications between the Council and the Ministry in relation to organising the "handover"</p> <p>5.whether these events are usual practise at the Ministry.</p>	<p>9(2)(a)</p>	<p>18-D-00206</p>	<p>27 February</p>	<p>6 March</p>

Weekly Update – Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

For the week starting 26 February 2018

Environment weekly meeting 11.00 am – 11.30am, Monday 26 February

Attendees:

Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment
 Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
 Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary - Water
 Amanda Moran, Deputy Secretary - Resource Management
 Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary - Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate
 Claire Richardson, Deputy Secretary - Organisational Performance
 James Walker, Deputy Secretary - Partnerships and Customers
 Shaun Lewis, Director Investments and Partnerships
 Glenn Wigley, Director Marine, Environmental Risk & Science

	Agenda Item	Lead	Paper / verbal update	Mins
1.	Discuss Weekly Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal	5
2.	Sustainable Wealth Update	Vicky Robertson	Verbal	5
3.	Urban update	Amanda Moran	Verbal	5
4.	A forward agenda for National Direction	Amanda Moran	Verbal	5
5.	Status of Ouvea mix	Shaun Lewis	Verbal	5
6.	PFAS	Glenn Wigley	Verbal	5

Actions from the previous meeting

- Water:** MfE following up on ensuring a commitment by farm leaders to the proposition that they should be exposed to economic signals that reflect environmental (e.g. impacts on water quality) costs
- Urban:** 9(2)(f)(iv)
- PFAS:**
 - Briefing coming on next steps for the work programme including supporting councils to take a consistent/appropriate approach to reporting on LIMs
 - Requested a discussion with Crown Law officials on liability issues
- RMA**
 - 9(2)(f)(iv)
 - Advice on application of Mana Whakahono a Rohe requirements to consenting processes coming this week

Upcoming meetings

Week 26 February -9 March

26 February	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
	11.30am	S9(2)(f)(iv)
27 February	9.00am	Ministers Twyford and Genter on the Urban Growth Agenda
	6.45pm	Speech at Cooperative Business NZ Leader's Forum and Dinner
5 March	11.00am	MfE officials weekly meeting
6 – 10 March		<i>Overseas travel</i>

Proposed meetings which are not yet confirmed

Environment officials meeting

- Discussion on partnerships
- Discussion on housing affordability
- Discussion on addressing externalities in fresh water


1. Progress towards Government's strategic priorities

1.1. Climate Change

Next week you will be provided with a briefing on aligning the climate and urban/built environment work programmes. This advice was sought following a discussion between Ministers Shaw, Twyford, Woods and Genter in December, and intends to support an upcoming meeting on 29th of March with Ministers and Andrew Eagles, Chief Executive of the Green Building Council.

1.2. Urban

S9(2)(f)(iv)



1.3. Water

The Good Farming Practice Action Plan Governance Group (Briefing 2017-B-04027) met with some environmental non-government organisations (EDS, Ecologic, Generation Zero) to discuss principles of good farming practice and an approach to improved uptake of farm environmental plans. The NGOs present will provide further feedback on the plan to the group. A similar meeting between the Governance Group, Iwi Advisers Group and Federation of Maori Authorities is planned.

As indicated in the Briefing, once discussions have been held with iwi, the Governance Group will seek the opportunity to meet with you and discuss implementation of their Action Plan.

1.4. Draft regional targets for swimmable lakes and rivers

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management requires regional councils to prepare draft regional targets to improve the quality of fresh water. These targets must contribute to achieving the national target for 90% swimmable lakes and rivers by 2040. The draft regional targets must be made publicly available by 31 March 2018, with final regional targets publicly available by 31 December 2018. We established a taskforce **comprising** MfE and MPI officials and staff from regional councils, to gather information on work underway in each region to improve water quality for swimming, and the associated likely costs. The information for each region is presented in a report that will be made publicly available before 31 March 2018 (a draft was provided to you with briefing (17-B-04081) in December, and reviewed by councils in January 2018).

Councils have not had the opportunity to consult with their communities about what rivers and lakes they should focus on for improvements and within what timeframes; most are therefore intending to use the results in the report as their draft targets and as a starting point for discussion. We support this approach and have also prepared a template for council staff to use to brief their councillors about the targets, with a form for them to use to present their draft targets and regional priorities.

2. Actions and decisions

2.1. Meeting with the Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group

Officials are proposing that a meeting between you, Ministers Shaw, Mahuta, Davis and the Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group (ILG) be scheduled [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The purpose of this meeting would be to:

- [REDACTED]
- updates and forward work programmes for Climate Change and Biodiversity;
- upcoming regional hui; and
- discuss the relationship with the Pou Taiao ILG going forward.

Officials will work with your office in setting a meeting date, and then send an invitation from you to the Pou Taiao. The Ministry will provide you with a briefing once the meeting has been scheduled.

Direct officials to arrange a meeting between Ministers & Pou Taiao ILG

Yes/No

2.2. Freshwater Improvement Fund – change to scope of Hawke’s Bay Regional Council project

We are seeking your approval to change the scope of a Freshwater Improvement Fund project, proposed by the Hawke’s Bay Regional Council (HBRC). The former Minister approved up to \$1,385,044 from the fund to support activities aimed at improving the water quality of Whakakā Lake. Approved interventions included recirculating wetlands integrated with Manuka plantations and complete stock exclusion, to be delivered over a five year timeframe.

We have been working with the council to develop a detailed work programme for the project and agree to the terms and conditions of a deed of funding. Through this process the council, in liaison with the local community, has determined that a weir (to retain healthy water levels in the lake during dry summers) and the alignment of the Waikatuku Stream (to reduce inputs of sediment into the lake) would provide a more sustainable long-term solution to the management of the lake. If approved, the original interventions will also be completed, although the proposed wetlands will be reduced in overall size, one large and one small wetland will be created instead of three small wetlands.

We consider this to be a substantive change to the original proposal, and we are therefore seeking your approval for this change as the delegated decision-maker for the fund. We are aware that there has previously been some tension between landowners and iwi, due to differing views in relation to lake level management. On this basis, we recommend that you approve the change in scope, but conditional on the Council securing all of the necessary consents required to deliver the project (i.e. land use, surface water take, disturbance, discharge of contaminants to water and water take consents).

Total project cost is estimated to be \$3 million and council have confirmed that they have sufficient funding to support the project. The total approved amount from the fund will not change and all previous funding conditions (relating to cultural input into the project and placing a covenant on purchased land) would also be retained.

Do you approve to a change in scope to HBRCs Freshwater Improvement Fund project (subject to all required statutory permissions and consents being secured prior to project commencement)?

Yes/No

2.3. Release of Environmental Economic Accounts (SEEA) – Verbal briefing from Stats NZ

On Tuesday 27th February 2018, Stats NZ will be releasing New Zealand’s environmental-economic accounts (SEEA). There are strong linkages between SEEA and environmental reporting. The next report to be released under the environmental reporting programme will be the land domain report on 19 April 2018.

As Minister Shaw and yourself are stakeholder Ministers in this release, Stats NZ will provide embargoed copies of the report at 10:45am on 26 February, 24 hours in advance of its public release.

A written presentation about what the release will cover has been provided to your office by Stats NZ.

Stats NZ are also providing a full verbal briefing to Minister Shaw ahead of the report's public release and would like to invite you to that briefing. This is likely to take place on the evening of the 26th February, but can be moved based on Ministers diary pressures. We see considerable value for you in attending this briefing if you are able to.

Would you like to attend this briefing?

Yes/No

3. Updates for noting

3.1. FSANZ releases consultation paper on food derived using new breeding techniques

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has released a consultation paper seeking feedback on new breeding techniques (i.e. genetic technology) and how food laws should apply to food derived from them. Submissions are due by 12 April. If, after considering feedback, FSANZ decides a change is needed to the GM Food Standard, there will be further public consultation. Any future changes to the GM Food Standard could lead to further differences in the definition of what is considered 'GM'. MfE will monitor developments and workability in relation to the HSNO Act. The consultation has been reported in media, including the NZ Herald.

3.2. Revision of the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality

The Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality (formerly the ANZECC Guidelines) have recently been revised. Before they are released, they require approval from yourself and the Australian Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (the Hon. David Littleproud).

Hon. David Littleproud wrote to you recently, seeking your agreement to launch the guidelines. The Guidelines are not mandatory, but provide water managers with tools and guidance to assess, manage and monitor water quality in marine and fresh waters, taking into account local conditions and jurisdictional requirements. The Guidelines complement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

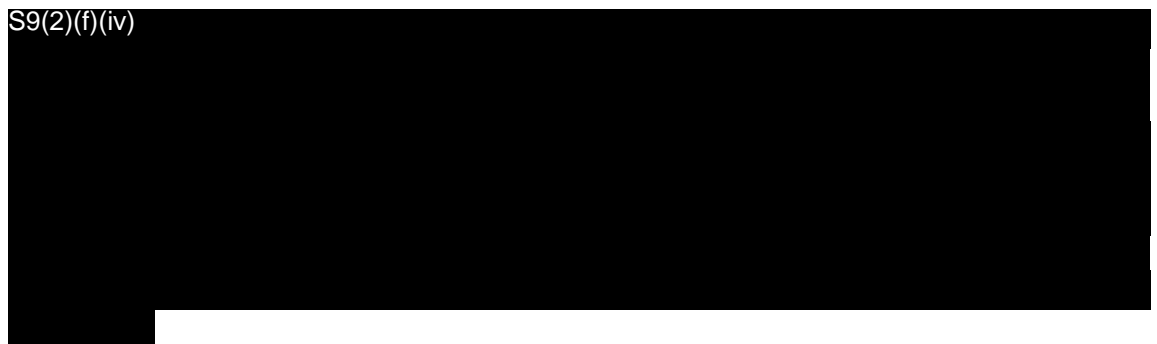
For New Zealand, new or updated default guideline values are provided for sediment (water clarity, suspended solids, and turbidity), electrical conductivity, pH, dissolved oxygen, water temperature, nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus), copper, zinc and a broad range of toxicants. A default guideline value is also provided for sedimentation in estuaries.

A more detailed briefing note, which seeks your approval to launch the guidelines, will be provided to you next week. Once approved, there will be a period of four weeks before the guidelines are launched. At that time, the guideline values will be released in draft form, for a period of three months, to provide officials time to consult with regional councils, scientists and other water quality experts on the changes. The guidelines will then become final, unless new peer-reviewed scientific and/or technical information becomes available to justify a re-examination of the default guideline values.

3.3. Lake Taupō Protection Project –update on current discussions with partners

We are notifying you of current discussions occurring in relation to future management and governance of the Lake Taupō Protection Project, beyond its current completion date of 30 June 2019.

S9(2)(f)(iv)



The Crown has committed a total of \$35.6 million towards total project costs of \$79.2 million. Approximately \$1 million of public funds is forecast to remain at 30 June 2019.

3.4. Kaikōura Earthquake Recovery Order in Council

The Department of Internal Affairs has consulted MfE on a draft Cabinet paper for final approval, for an Order in Council to support the Kaikōura District Council in its earthquake recovery. The Order will suspend the legislated requirement under the Local Government Act 2002 for the Kaikōura District Council to produce a long-term plan with a ten-year horizon in 2018 and instead require it to produce a three-year plan that reflects the recovery efforts for the period 2018-2021. MfE responded with no concerns or comments on the paper.

3.5. East West Link Nationally Significant Proposal Appeal

A decision on the East West Link was issued by the Board of Inquiry on 23 January 2018. The decision confirms two Notices of Requirement and grants twenty four resource consents sought by the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA). Appeals on that decision have been lodged with the High Court by the following parties:

- Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand
- Mercury NZ Limited
- Jackson Electrical Industries
- Ngati Whatua Orakei Maia
- The Onehunga Enhancement Society Incorporated


The grounds for appeal include (but are not limited) to errors of law such as the consideration of health and safety risks, the existing environment, NZTA's assessment of alternatives, consideration of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and consideration of policies in the Auckland Unitary Plan relating to coastal reclamation and biodiversity values.

The Onehunga Enhancement Society Incorporated have stated, in a media article, that they requested the Government withdraw the Notices of Requirement and surrender the resource consents for the current East West Link. The media article noted NZTA's response was that they are carrying out a review of the East West Link Proposal.

3.6. Matatā - update on Whakatāne District Council proposals to address risks to life

In December 2017, the Whakatāne District Council (WDC) Mayor wrote to you seeking Government support and funding to implement a proposal for addressing the elevated risk to life from a natural hazard affecting 34 properties in Matatā. The WDC proposes to buy-out the affected landowners, and to change the District and Regional Plans to prohibit continued and future residential use.

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Parallel to the funding request, WDC is progressing their proposals to change the District and Regional Plans. On 20 February, BOPRC accepted a request from WDC for a change to their Regional Plan (see media item below). We understand both councils intend to notify the proposed plan changes in early April.

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4. Briefing notes

26 February - 9 March

Title	Lead agency	What this briefing covers	Date due to your office
S9(2)(f)(iv)			
Proposed Taranaki and Hawke's Bay Iwi Environmental Forums	MfE	To provide background and context on the proposed forums, seeks your interest in attending forums to be held.	27 February
35 Year consent for Auckland storm water	MfE	Information and advice relating to notified consent by Auckland Council for storm water network discharge over a 35 year period	28 February
9(2)(f)(iv)			
Fiordland Marine Guardians Appointment Process	MfE	Explanation of appointment process for Fiordland Marine Guardians whose terms are expiring 31 October 2017	28 February
Appointing a Board of Inquiry for Tamarinds notified marine consent application	MfE	You are now responsible for appointing Independent Boards of Inquiry to decide on certain types of notified marine consent applications. Tamarind Resources, an oil and gas company, is lodging a notified marine consent application with the EPA to drill up to five side tracks in existing oil wells off the North Island's West Coast.	28 February
Manawhakahono a Rohe	MfE	Overview of Mana Whakahono a Rohe provisions and implementation.	28 February
EEZ Amendment for Board of Inquiry cost recovery: cover note to Cabinet paper		Provides context for Cabinet paper, which seeks approval to issue drafting instructions and urgently progress an amendment to the EEZ Act to provide for the recovery of costs associated with Boards of Inquiry.	28 February
Covering note for LEG Committee paper on NZ Aluminium Smelters allocative baseline update	MfE	Reasons for changes to the allocative baseline for NZAS, and the impacts of those changes.	1 March
Submission of draft regulations to Cabinet for the deposit of jettisoned material from space vehicle launches in the EEZ	MfE	Briefing cover note to you for accompanying LEG paper, draft regulations and RIS for seeking Cabinet approval of amendment regulations for the deposit of jettisoned material from space vehicle launches on the seabed in the wider EEZ.	1 March

Approving the draft Letter of Expectations to the EPA 2018/19	MfE	Following Ministerial feedback we attach the final draft of the Letter of Expectations to the EPA 2018/19 for joint signature by you and Ministers Sage. It should then be sent to the EPA Board in early March.	1 March
Fresh and Marine Water Quality Guidelines	MfE	Update of the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality.	6 March
National direction program: Communicating your priorities	MfE	A draft forward agenda to communicate priorities for the national direction program to stakeholders.	8 March

5. Cabinet material being prepared for you 26 February -23 March

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our Suggested timeframes
9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Goals for Land-based Sectors	CBC	The paper makes the connections between the Government's key commitments, sets out the major milestones and proposes the goals for the future of the land-based sectors. Achieving these goals is a critical component of making the necessary transition to a strong and sustainable New Zealand economy.	Due to you: 26 February Due to lodge: 1 March Due to Cabinet Business Committee: 5 March

Approval of policy decisions in relation to cost recovery of Boards of Inquiry appointed under the EEZ Act	CBC	Seeks Cabinet approval to amend the EEZ Act to provide for cost recovery provisions in relation to Boards of Inquiry appointed by the Minister under the EEZ Act	<p>Due to you: 28 February</p> <p>Due to lodge: 8 March</p> <p>Due to Cabinet Business Committee: 12 March</p>
Proposed Policy for Decommissioning Regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone	ENV	The Cabinet Paper seeks approval for the release of a public discussion document on "Proposed regulations for decommissioning plans under the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012. Regulations are needed in order for amendments to the EEZ Act on decommissioning to apply and to provide sufficient detail for the decommissioning process to operate effectively.	<p>Due to you: 5 March</p> <p>Due to lodge: 15 March</p> <p>Due to Cabinet Environment Committee: 20 March</p>
Submission of draft regulations to Cabinet for the deposit of jettisoned material from space vehicle launches in the EEZ.	LEG	LEG paper, draft regulations and RIS for seeking Cabinet approval of amendment regulations for the deposit of jettisoned material from space vehicle launches on the seabed in the wider EEZ.	<p>Due to you: 1 March</p> <p>Due to lodge: 15 March</p> <p>Due to Cabinet Legislative Committee: 22 March</p>

6. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
Ministry of Transport Government Policy Statement	MoT	TBC	<p>The Ministry of Transport (MoT) is reviewing the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) for 2018. The proposed GPS strategic priorities are: Safety; Access; Environment; and Value for Money.</p> <p>Public engagement is expected to occur in March-April 2018. Compared to earlier drafts, the draft GPS for engagement has a greater focus on environmental and social outcomes.</p> <p>The draft GPS for engagement and accompanying Cabinet paper were expected to be lodged for consideration this week, but the timing of the paper has been delayed. We will provide an update when we have a revised timeframe.</p>

7. Engagement

7.1. Key issues in the media

- Stuff.co.nz reported that Matata landowners have been “left in limbo” after Bay of Plenty Regional Council agreed to the proposal by Whakatane District Council to initiate a plan change that will prohibit residential activity in the Awatarariki Fanhead at Matatā after March 2021. The article reported that “the plan change was proposed after \$1.2 million was spent investigating how to mitigate safety concerns to residents unsuccessfully”.
- PFAS media coverage continues at a low level, mainly driven by Radio NZ but with TVNZ running an item this week based off the released Cabinet paper.
- The Daily Post ran an article outlining Federated Farmer’s plan to oppose a water quality plan for Lake Rotorua.
- Kathryn Ryan interviewed people hoping to prevent more water from being taken from the Waikoropupu Springs in Golden Bay.

8. Official Information Act requests

8.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
<p>[Linked with 18-O-00121] I request a list of appointments made in your capacity as Minister for the Environment since 26 October 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, appointments made to boards, inquiries, and working groups.</p> <p>I would like this request presented with names of appointees, the organisation they were appointed to, and the date on which they were appointed.</p>	9(2)(a) National Party	18-O-00102	20 February	27 February
<p>[Linked with 18-O-00102] I request a list of appointments made in your capacity as Associate Minister for the Environment since 26 October 2017. This includes, but is not limited to, appointments made to boards, inquiries, and working groups.</p> <p>I would like this request presented with names of appointees, the organisation they were appointed to, and the date on which they were appointed.</p>	9(2)(a) National Party	18-O-00102	21 February	28 February
<p>Any reports, briefings, memos or aides memoire on 19 December 2017-B-04078 Regional council progress towards Freshwater NPS implementation. 21 December 17-B-03929 Biodiversity – Collaborative Group and System work (Ref reply to WQ 799)</p>	9(2)(a)	18-O-00359	8 March	15 March

<p>A list of briefing topics requested by you as Minister for the Environment since 26 October 2017.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00338</p>	<p>9 March</p>	<p>16 March</p>
<p>Under the OIA, can I please request the briefings entitled “Establishing the Housing Commission and legislating to empower complex urban development projects”, “Establishing a national urban development authority”, “National policy statement on urban development capacity - release of further guidance and new price efficiency indicators”, “Urban growth agenda proposed scope and approach”, “Meeting note for Housing and Urban Development Ministers meeting, 19 December 2017”, “Oral Cabinet item: Letter to Mayor Goff about urban growth partnership process with Auckland Council”, “Update on progress toward developing first set of national planning standards”, “Your role in urban areas” and “Information on the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity”.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) ACT Party</p>	<p>18-O-00378</p>	<p>13 March</p>	<p>20 March</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Paper on Government Response to Havelock North Inquiry, 2 February • Manifesto Initiatives for Budget 2018 – Environment, 25 January; Budget 2018 Reprioritisation Initiatives – Environment, 25 January • Environment Weekly Update, 24 November; Environment Weekly Update, 30 November • Status of Ouvea Premix stockpiles in Southland, 12 January • Proposed work programme for improving compliance under the RMA, 19 January 	<p>9(2)(a) National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00346</p>	<p>14 March</p>	<p>21 March</p>
<p>All reports, memorandums, papers, documents, advice, correspondence, notes, emails, or other official information held by your office regarding the EPA chief scientist, Dr Jacqueline Rowarth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All emails between you and your office regarding the EPA chief scientist. •All emails between your office and the Chief Executive of the Environmental Protection Authority regarding the EPA chief scientist. •All emails between your office and the Chair of the Environmental Protection Authority regarding the EPA chief scientist. 	<p>9(2)(a) National Party</p>	<p>18-O-00373</p>	<p>14 March</p>	<p>21 March</p>

I request a copy of the briefing update on the Waimea Dam (Freshwater Improvement Fund project).	9(2)(a) National Party	18-O-00362	14 March	21 March
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8.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	At your office	Due to send
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence held by the Ministry of the Environment relating to:</p> <p>A) the benefit of irrigation and water storage projects to New Zealand; and</p> <p>B) irrigation and water storage as a method of climate adaptation for both domestic and/or rural populations; and</p> <p>C) the environmental, economic, and social impacts of irrigation and/or water storage; and</p> <p>D) any other information held by the Ministry that relates to irrigation and water storage in New Zealand that has been commissioned, received, or conducted by the Ministry since 2007, and that is not otherwise covered by this request.</p>	9(2) FYI.org.nz	17-D-01614		30 January – team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
<p>I request all information, documents, and correspondence relating to the environmental impact of tourism in New Zealand that has been conducted, commissioned, and/or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 2012</p>	9(2) FYI.org.nz	17-D-01615		31 January - team only recently received request - are working on delivering this as soon as possible.
<p>Can MFE tell me how much funding the Iwi Leaders Forum/Chairs organisation has received from the ministry?</p> <p>What has this money been used for?</p> <p>Does MFE know the value for money it's gotten for this funding?</p> <p>Are there individuals contracted by the Forum to do work for it but paid for by the ministry?</p> <p>How much have these individuals been paid?</p> <p>I understand one of the individuals is Willie Te Aho...is this correct? How much has he been paid?</p> <p>What work has he been completed?</p> <p>Can this data be broken down by year...going back five years please?</p> <p>Would someone be able to call me about whether these questions are able to be answered by February 1?</p>	9(2)(a) TVNZ	18-D-00080		16 February

<p>I'd like to please be sent a copy of the contract awarded by the Ministry for the Environment to Waste Management New Zealand under the Waste Minimisation Fund, as listed here: http://www.mfe.govt.nz/more/funding/waste-minimisation-fund/profiles-of-funded-projects/tackling-problem-of-used-tyres-new</p> <p>It would be helpful to be sent any additional documents (via email) that the Ministry can give me regarding its contracts or business relationship with Waste Management New Zealand regarding tackling the problem of used tyres and waste minimisation.”</p>	<p>9(2)(a) ██████████ Fairfax Media</p>	<p>18-D-00097</p>	<p>19 February</p>	<p>26 February</p>
<p>A copy of the legal opinion the EPA had done on waste oil.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) ██████████ Salters Cartage Ltd</p>	<p>18-D-00233</p>	<p>23 February</p>	<p>2 March</p>
<p>1.a breakdown of all costs incurred by the Ministry in relation to Ms Richardson's "handover" (including any koha in relation to the Powhiri); 2.a list of attendees of the "handover"; 3.what precisely the "handover" consisted of; 4.all communications between the Council and the Ministry in relation to organising the "handover" 5.whether these events are usual practise at the Ministry.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) ██████████</p>	<p>18-D-00206</p>	<p>27 February</p>	<p>6 March</p>

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