



23 April 2026

26-OIAD-00529

9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe 9(2)(a),

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2026 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

(i) All advice produced by your department regarding a merger into a combined entity for a new Ministry of Cities, Regions and the Environment (MCRE)/ Ministry for Cities, the Environment, Regions and Transport (MCERT), since 1 November 2024

(i) All correspondence, sent and received, between your department and the Public Service Commission, regarding a merger into a combined entity for a new Ministry of Cities, Regions and the Environment (MCRE)/ Ministry for Cities, the Environment, Regions and Transport (MCERT), since 1 November 2024

On 11 March 2026, the Ministry transferred part two of your request to Te Kawa Mataaho | Public Service Commission (PSC), as the information requested is more closely connected with the functions of PSC.

On 31 March 2026, the Ministry extended the timeframes to respond to your request by 15 working days 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.

I have identified six documents in scope of your request. I am releasing three to you in full.

I am releasing two to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 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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Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Document schedule

#	Date	Code	Title	Decision	Grounds
1	25 November 2025	BRF-6647	Environment Act 1986 setting	Released in part	9(2)(g)(i) 9(2)(h)
2	20 January 2026	N/A	Te Pūrengi 20 January Planning Day Outputs	Release in part	9(2)(g)(i)
3	27 January 2026	N/A	Te Pūrengi - Cover Sheet Managing MfE Transition 27 Jan 2026	Release in full	N/A
4	27 January 2026	N/A	Managing the MfE Transition - Te Pūrengi 27 January 2026.pdf	Release in part	9(2)(g)(i)
5	24 February 2026	N/A	Integration and strategic opportunities during transition (Paper 1)	Release in full	N/A
6	24 February 2026	N/A	Assurance of Delivery Through Transition	Release in full	N/A