



18 April 2024

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Tēnā koe 9(2)a ,

On 19 March 2024, 9(2)a requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on your behalf:

This is email is a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982, on behalf of 9(2)a . Could I please request the following material, as noted in a response to written question Reply 2338 (2024) and 2365 (2024):

- *BRF-4276: Meeting with WWF New Zealand – 19 Feb 2024*
- *BRF-4314: Meeting talking points: Meeting with Prem Mann*
- *BRF-4332: Background on Freshwater Farm Plans – 27 Feb 2024*
- *BRF-4285: Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme – Meeting Advice – 29 Feb 2024*
- *BRF-4126: Briefing on the Environmental Reporting Programme – 01 Mar 2024*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) is providing four of the documents you have requested with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(b)(ii) – protect the information where the making available of the information would likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
- 9(2)(ba)(i) – protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continued to be supplied.
- 9(2)(f)(iv) – 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) – 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.

The fifth document has been withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.

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 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,



Fiona Newlove

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	19/2/2024	BRF-4276 Talking Points: Meeting with WWF New Zealand	Release in Part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(g)(i)
2	26/2/2024	BRF-4314 Talking points: Meeting with Prem Mann	Release in Part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(ba)(i); 9(2)(g)(i)
3	27/2/2024	BRF-4332 Background on Freshwater Farm Plans	Withheld in Full	9(2)(f)(iv)
4	1/3/2024	BRF-4126 Briefing on the Environmental Reporting Programme	Released in Full	NA
5	1/3/2024	BRF-4285 Aide memoire: Kaipara Moana Remediation Programme – Meeting advice	Release in Part	9(2)(g)(i); 9(2)(b)(ii)