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Thank you for your email of 19 March 2024 requesting the following briefings, material, as noted in the reply to Written Parliamentary Questions 2353 (2024), 2626 (2024) and 2614 (2024), under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 26/02/2024 - BRF-4308: Meeting with PSGEs to advise on fast-track consenting
- 28/02/2024 - BRF-4362: Approval for sharing specific Fast-track Approvals Bill drafting with Ngāti Rangī
- 01/03/2024 - BRF-4341 The process and options for ministerial decisions and interventions on intensification planning instruments
- 1/03/2024 - BRF-4341: The process and options for ministerial decisions and interventions on intensification planning instruments
- 1/03/2024 - BRF-4381: Clarifying decisions relating to Treaty settlements
- 1/03/2024 - BRF-4373: Talking points: Cabinet approval to introduce the Fast-Track Approvals Bill
- 04/03/2024 - BRF-4385 Talking points: CAB-391 Work programme for reforming the resource management system
- 04/03/2024 - BRF-4387 FT - recommended approach for the select committee process
- 05/03/2024 - BRF-4408 Fast-track Consenting - Listed Projects Draft Cabinet Paper – nominees for the Fast-track Projects Advisory Group
- 6/3/2024 - CAB-391: Work programme for reforming the resource management system.

The Ministry has identified that the briefing codes BRF-4373 and BRF-4387 were raised in error and were withdrawn by Minister Bishop's office. The Ministry is refusing these parts of the request under 18(e) of the Act, as the documents requested do not exist.

The documents in scope of your request, along with my decision on release, are outlined in the **document table** below. For reference, briefing code BRF-4341 is mentioned twice in your request, and only reflected in the document table once.

Three documents are being released to you in part, with information withheld in accordance with the following sections of the Act:

9(2)(a)	to protect the privacy of natural persons
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

Please note that while the Minister Responsible for RMA Reform received BRF-4362, he did not sign or make decisions on it, as the briefing was superseded by other events.

Three documents are being refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as they will soon be made publicly available. One additional document, CAB-391, is also being refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as it is publicly available and can be accessed on the Ministry's website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/work-programme-for-reforming-the-resource-management-system/>.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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## Document Table

Doc no.	Document date	Content Title	Decision on release	OIA sections applied
1.	26 February 2024	BRF-4308: Meeting with PSGEs to advise on fast-track consenting	Refuse in full	18(d)
2.	28 February 2024	BRF-4362: Approval for sharing specific Fast-track Approvals Bill drafting with Ngāti Rangī	Release in part	9(2)(a)
3.	1 March 2024	BRF-4341: The process and options for ministerial decisions and interventions on intensification planning instruments	Release in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)
4.	1 March 2024	BRF-4381: Clarifying decisions relating to Treaty settlements	Refuse in full	18(d)
5.	1 March 2024	BRF-4373: Talking points: Cabinet approval to introduce the Fast-Track Approvals Bill	Refuse in full	18(e)
6.	4 March 2024	BRF-4385: Talking points: CAB-391 Work programme for reforming the resource management system	Release in part	9(2)(a)
7.	4 March 2024	BRF-4387: FT – recommended approach for the select committee process	Refuse in full	18(e)
8.	5 March 2024	BRF-4408: Fast-track Consenting – Listed Projects Draft Cabinet Paper – nominees for the Fast-track Projects Advisory Group	Refuse in full	18(d)
9.	6 March 2024	CAB-391: Work programme for reforming the resource management system.	Refuse in full	18(d)