



28 August 2024

OIAD-1188

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*December 2023 - **BRF-3967** - Secondary Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Hazardous substances, new organisms, and international chemical and waste agreements*
*6 May 2024 - **BRF-4707** - Meeting note: Joint ministers meeting on gene technology regulator – 8 May 2024*
*30 May 2024 - **BRF-4747** - Briefing: Regulation of non-GMO new organisms*
*10 June 2024 - **BRF-4878** - Meeting Note: Joint ministers meeting on gene technology regulator – 11 June 2024*
*25 June 2024 - **BRF-4941** - Meeting note: joint ministers meeting on gene technology regulator - 27 June 2024 on 25 June 2024*
*2 July 2024 - **BRF-4873** Further advice on the rollout of freshwater farm plans in Southland*

The Ministry for the Environment has identified six documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table.

Five documents are being released to you in full.

One document is being withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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 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.

Yours sincerely

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Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1.	4/12/2023	BRF-3967 - Secondary Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Hazardous substances, new organisms, and international chemical and waste agreements	Released in full	N/A
2.	6/5/2024	BRF-4707 - Meeting note: Joint ministers meeting on gene technology regulator	Released in full	N/A
3.	30/5/2024	BRF-4747 - Briefing: Regulation of non-GMO new organisms	Released in full	N/A
4.	10/6/2024	BRF-4878 - Meeting Note: Joint ministers meeting on gene technology regulator	Released in full	N/A
5.	25/6/2024	BRF-4941 - Meeting note: joint ministers meeting on gene technology regulator	Released in full	N/A
6.	2/7/2024	BRF-4873 Further advice on the rollout of freshwater farm plans in Southland	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)