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Thank you for your email of 16 August 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Copies of all documents including emails and attachments that are: - Prepared by MFE and sent to either ministers or other government agencies; and - Dated 1 June 2023 or later; and - Concern the review of gene technology regulation being led by MBIE.

On 9 September 2024, the Ministry invited you to refine the scope of your request due to the large number of potentially in-scope emails. You confirmed you are happy to refine your request to substantive key-decision making documents only such as briefings, reports, and memos.

On 12 September 2024, the Ministry informed you of an extension of the time to make our decision on your request by 10 working days under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original timeframe.

The Ministry has identified six documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table. These documents have been provided to you in full.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision 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.

Nāku noa, nā,

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Document schedule

Document 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	18/7/2024	BRF-5069 Aide Memoire: Draft Cabinet Paper – Regulation of gene technologies policy decisions	Released in full	N/A