



19 November 2024

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 23 September 2024 requesting the following briefings under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *BRF-4760: Proposed scope and process for the review of the operation of significant natural areas.*
- *BRF-5271: Talking points: Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation.*
- *0240829 Environment and RMA Estimates Debate Collateral*
- *BRF-5287: National Iwi Chairs forum lead Ministers meeting 11 September*
- *Talking points: Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation (Hawke's Bay Rural Works) Order*
- *BRF-4908: Final report on the Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use in Tairāwhiti-Gisborne and Wairoa*
- *BRF-5260: Jobs for Nature Progress update*

The Ministry for the Environment has identified seven documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached Document Schedule. One document has been released to you in full.

Three documents have been released to you in part with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

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| 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. |
| 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. |

One document has been 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.

I am refusing two documents in full under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Please note that the following documents were incorrectly recorded in response to WPQ 58058 (2024) and refer to the same briefing. The briefing code was also incorrectly recorded and should be BRF-5296.

- *Talking points: Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation (Hawke's Bay Rural Works) Order.*
- *BRF-5271: Talking points: Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation.*

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.

Nāku noa, nā,



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Document Schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	14 June 2024	BRF-4760 – Proposed scope and process for the review of the operation of significant natural areas	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)
2	9 September 2024	Talking points: Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation (Hawke's Bay Rural Works) Order	Refused in full	18(d) Document will be proactively released on the Ministry's website by the end of December 2024.
3	29 August 2024	Environment and RMA Estimates Debate Collateral	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)
4	20 June 2024	2024/25 Estimates for Vote Environment – Minister Simmonds opening remarks	Refused in full	18(d)
5	9 September 2024	BRF-5287: National Iwi Chairs forum lead Ministers meeting 11 September	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)

6	12 September 2024	BRF-4908: Final report on the Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use in Tairāwhiti-Gisborne and Wairoa	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
7	4 September 2024	BRF-5260: Jobs for Nature Progress update	Released in full	N/A