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Dear 9(2)

Thank you for your email of 21 July 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can you please provide all communications regarding plans for climate change managed retreat in New Zealand?

On 28 July 2021, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) contacted you to clarify your request. You amended your request to the following:

Can I please amend my initial request, to: "Communications and advice related to funding, regarding climate change managed retreat".

I am interested in communications between the Ministry for the Environment and other agencies and Ministers' Offices.

I would like communications from the past year.

The Ministry has interpreted your request to be for documents and emails that are on the subject of or contain information regarding funding related to managed retreat.

The Ministry has identified 18 documents in scope of your request, as listed in Table 1 below. Please note that only emails of administrative nature were found in relation to your request. The emails were excluded as they are outside the scope of your request. Attachments within the emails that are in scope of your request are provided in Table 1 below.

Nine documents have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Eight documents have been refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is or will soon be available. Links have been provided for the publicly available information in Table 1 below.

One document is released in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. Some information within these documents have been excluded as it is out of scope of the request.

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



Katherine Wilson
Director - Climate Adaptation and Evidence

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Table 1: Document Schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1.	30 November 2020	Managed retreat and climate adaptation legislation	Withheld in full	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
2.	3 December 2020	Updated cabinet paper - adaptation legislation - proposed timelines and process	Withheld in full	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
3.	7 December 2020	Adaptation legislation - proposed timelines and process	Refused	Section 18(d) Link to publicly available document: Adaptation legislation proposed timelines and process Ministry for the Environment
4.	9 December 2020	Talking points for Community Resilience Ministers meeting 10 December	Release in part	Section 9(2)(f)(iv) Some information is out of scope
5.	17 December 2020	2020-B-07416 – Advice and talking points for Ministerial Budget 2021 meeting 17 December	Withheld in full	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
6.	26 January 2021	RM Reform Ministerial Oversight Group - Meeting One	Refused	Section 18(d)
7.	4 February 2021	Initial thinking on scope and objectives for adaptation legislation	Withheld in full	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
8.	15 February 2021	RM Reform Ministerial Oversight Group Meeting #2	Refused	Section 18(d)
9.	4 March 2021	Talking points for “Adaptation legislation – scope, objectives and process” paper at Cabinet Economic Development Committee on 10 March	Withheld in full	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
10.	22 March 2021	RM Reform Ministerial Oversight Group Meeting #4	Refused	Section 18(d)

11.	March 2021	Adaptation legislation – scope, objectives and process	Withheld in full	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
12.	20 May 2021	Update on process and timeline for developing the Climate Adaptation Act	Withheld in full	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
13.	31 May 2021	RM Reform 29 – Draft papers for Ministerial Oversight Group Meeting #7 on 31 May 2021	Withheld in full	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
14.	10 June 2021	Adaptation work programme: timeline for policy decisions	Withheld in full	Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
15.	June 2021	NBA Exposure Draft	Refused	Section 18(d) Link to publicly available document: Natural and Built Environments Bill: Parliamentary paper on the exposure draft Ministry for the Environment
16.	June 2021	CAB-25 Reforming the RM system select committee inquiry	Refused	Section 18(d)
17.	15 June 2021	RM Reform 30 - Interim Regulatory Impact Statement for the Natural and Built Environments Exposure Draft	Refused	Section 18(d) Link to publicly available document: Interim regulatory impact statement: Reforming the resource management system Ministry for the Environment
18.	16 June 2021	Summary of initial impact analysis to inform select committee Inquiry	Refused	Section 18(d) Link to publicly available document: 9 Summary of Initial Impact Analysis 16_06_21.pdf (environment.govt.nz)



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Talking points for Community Resilience Ministers meeting 10 December

Date Submitted:	9 December 2020	Tracking #: 2020-B-07437	
Security Level	In confidence	MfE Priority:	Urgent

	Action sought:	Response by:
To Hon James Shaw, Minister of Climate Change	Read the attached talking points before 10 December	N/A

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Return the signed report to MfE.
Number of appendices and attachments 1	Titles of appendices and attachments (ie separate attached documents): 1. Talking points for Community Resilience Ministers meeting on 10 December
Note any feedback on the quality of the report	

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3. s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Recommendations

We recommend that you:

- a. **Read** the attached talking points before the Community Resilience Ministers meeting on 10 December.

Signature

Katherine Wilson
Director, Climate Change

Date 09/12/2020

Hon James Shaw
Minister of Climate Change

Date

Appendix 1: Talking points for Community Resilience Ministers meeting on 10 December

Out of scope [redacted]

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- s9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted]
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- In considering its response to declaring a climate emergency, this Government has committed to “introduce and progress legislation on managed retreat and adaptation”.
- There is significant policy work to be done to develop these recommendations further
 - The recommendations for discrete adaptation legislation are one of the least developed areas of recommendations within the report.
 - I propose to use the Randerson Report as a starting point for scoping and policy development.

s9(2)(f)(iv)

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- s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

Item 4 – Next steps

- s9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- The Prime Minister’s climate response ministerial group will meet again in February, after their pre-Christmas meeting.
- The Ministerial Oversight Group for resource management reform is currently planning to meet for the first time in late January.
- s(9)(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

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