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Tēnā koe 9(2)a,

Thank you for your email of 18 December 2023 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

What advice did the Waste Advisory Board given to the Minister prior to the issue of the General Guidelines for Product Stewardship Schemes for Priority Products Notice 2020 on 29 July 2020?

Under section 12 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, before the Minister publishes guidelines, he or she must seek and consider the advice of the Waste Advisory Board.

12.1 The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, publish guidelines about the contents and expected effects of product stewardship schemes for priority products.

12.2 The guidelines may be general guidelines or guidelines that apply to 1 or more products. 12 (4) Before the Minister makes any guidelines, he or she must—

(a) obtain and consider the advice of the Waste Advisory Board; and

(b) be satisfied that there has been adequate consultation with persons or organisations who may be significantly affected by the guidelines.

On 29 July 2020 the Hon. Eugenie Sage, Associate Minister for the Environment, acting under delegated authority, issued General Guidelines for Product Stewardship Schemes for Priority Products Notice 2020 (NZ Gazette 2020-go3342).

I am releasing advice from the Waste Advisory Board that was given to former Associate Minister for the Environment Hon Eugenie Sage on proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines. This information is being released to you as an extract, as provided for under section 16(1)(e) of the Act. Some information that is not in scope of your request has been redacted.

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

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Wigley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Glenn Wigley

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