



4 April 2024

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Thank you for your email of 1 March 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Any secondary briefing provided by your agency to your agency's minister/s since 27 November 2023

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified six documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule.

Please note that Paragraph 48 of Document 4 states, “DOC is reviewing the framework to identify gaps and to better align with the Global Biodiversity Framework”, however this is not the case. The Department of Conservation (DOC) are working with the Ministry to produce a new implementation plan to replace the current one published in 2022.

Document 5 is publicly available on the Department of Conservation's website at: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/our-role/corporate-publications/briefings-to-new-ministers-archive/briefing-to-the-incoming-ministers-november-2023/>. As such, it has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

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

Yours sincerely

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Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1.	1 Dec 2023	BRF-3961 Secondary Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Climate Change	Release in full	
2.	4 Dec 2023	BRF-3967 Secondary Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Hazardous substances, new organisms, and international chemical and waste agreements	Release in full	
3.	6 Dec 2023	BRF-3991 Secondary briefing to the incoming Ministers: Built Environment	Release in full	
4.	14 Dec 2023	BRF-3973 Secondary Briefing: Land Use, Freshwater, and the Marine Environment	Release in full	
5.	No date	Briefing to Incoming Ministers: Oceans issues	Refuse in full	18(d)
6.	No date	BRF-3966 Secondary Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Waste and resource efficiency programme	Release in full	