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Tēnā koe Stephen

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 22 January 2024, in which you asked for:

'Can you please supply the agenda and minutes from the monthly DOC & Treasury finance team updates from October 2022 to present day, including attachments and briefings for these meetings.'

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982.

Please find copies of agendas from the monthly Department of Conservation & Treasury finance team meetings held between October 2022 and January 2024 attached.

The aspect of your request which seeks attachments or briefings to supply alongside these agenda meetings, is refused in full via section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the requested documents do not exist. We can also confirm that minutes were not recorded.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	25 January 2024	DOC/Treasury Meeting Agenda: October 2022-January 2024	Released in part

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

- advice still under consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials,

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'K. Martin'.

Kevin Martin
Chief Financial Officer
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai