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Our reference: OIA23-24 357

Tēnā koe John

### Official Information Act 1982 Request

Thank you for your email of 23 November 2023, asking for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA):

*“To ensure public transparency, may I kindly request full board meeting minutes from 1st Jan 2021 to 1st Nov 2023. Also, I would encourage the board to consider upload these meeting minutes regularly to your website for all New Zealander to view.*

*May I also kindly understand if the board has confirm it's meeting date for the 2024, if so, please supply your board meeting date for 2024 and agenda if available.”*

### Clarification

On 27 November 2023, we sought refinement of your request to support us being able to respond accordingly. However, you subsequently indicated that this action is only to encourage all boards to be more open and more transparent.

### Extension

On 08 December 2023, we extended the timeframe for reaching a decision on your request, to enable a search through a large quantity of information, and to consult with other parties. This extension was made under section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, as the necessary consultations are such that a proper decision cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

### Response

In response to your request, as previously advised some of the information you are seeking is available on the EQC website. Board meeting minutes up until 2 November 2022 are available here: [bit.ly/40Y6Z0H](https://bit.ly/40Y6Z0H).

For the remaining minutes through to November 2023, please find attached a PDF document for your information. Please note due to the sensitive nature of some the material we have been required to

make several redactions in line with the OIA. These redactions are noted in the attached document, and the specific clauses have been outlined on the following page.

You have also requested the dates of upcoming Board meetings and agendas if they are available. The agendas are finalised prior to each meeting and are therefore not yet created. As such, I am refusing this portion of your request in line with section 18(e) as the information requested does not yet exist.

Meeting occurrences for 2024 are as follows:

- 22 February 2024
- 22 March 2024
- 18 April 2024
- 30 April 2024
- 16 & 17 May 2024
- 19 June 2024
- 22 August 2024
- 26 September 2024
- 21 & 22 November 2024

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this response. The Office of the Ombudsman can be contacted through their website at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alma Shaw', is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Alma Shaw

**Senior Advisor Government Relations | Kaitohutohu Hononga Kāwanatanga Matua**

## Redaction reason meanings

OIA Section	OIA Clause wording	OIA Section	OIA Clause wording
<b>S6(a)</b>	Good reason for withholding official information exists, for the purpose of section 5, if the making available of that information would be likely— to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand	<b>S6(c)</b>	Good reason for withholding official information exists, for the purpose of section 5, if the making available of that information would be likely— to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial
<b>S6(e)(i)</b>	Good reason for withholding official information exists, for the purpose of section 5, if the making available of that information would be likely— to damage seriously the economy of New Zealand by disclosing prematurely decisions to change or continue government economic or financial policies relating to— exchange rates or the control of overseas exchange transactions	<b>S6(e)(v)</b>	Good reason for withholding official information exists, for the purpose of section 5, if the making available of that information would be likely— to damage seriously the economy of New Zealand by disclosing prematurely decisions to change or continue government economic or financial policies relating to— the borrowing of money by the Government of New Zealand
<b>S9(2)(a)</b>	Subject to sections 6, 7, 10, and 18, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to— protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural person	<b>S9(2)(b)(ii)</b>	Subject to sections 6, 7, 10, and 18, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to— protect information where the making available of the information— would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

<b>S9(2)(ba)(i)</b>	Subject to sections 6, 7, 10, and 18, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to— protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information—would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.	<b>S9(2)(ba)(ii)</b>	Subject to sections 6, 7, 10, and 18, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to— protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information—would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest
<b>S9(2)(d)</b>	Subject to sections 6, 7, 10, and 18, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to— avoid prejudice to the substantial economic interests of New Zealand	<b>S9(2)(g)(i)</b>	Subject to sections 6, 7, 10, and 18, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary 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
<b>S9(2)(h)</b>	Subject to sections 6, 7, 10, and 18, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary 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	<b>S9(2)(j)</b>	Subject to sections 6, 7, 10, and 18, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to— enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or

			disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
<b>S9(2)(k)</b>	Subject to sections 6, 7, 10, and 18, this section applies if, and only if, the withholding of the information is necessary to— prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage		