



23 February 2024

Ref: DOIA 2324-1456

Stephen Prendergast

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Tēnā koe Stephen Prendergast,

Thank you for your email of 11 January 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

On September 6, 2023 Josh Hercus emailed John Marney (TSY) including cashflow and additional analysis for the Cabinet paper Ruapehu Alpine Lifts - options for government support.

This request is for those documents.

I am also requesting all correspondence between Josh Hercus and other parties covering updates on RAL, post watershed which include the term PTL or Pure Turoa.

On 25 January 2024 you narrowed your scope to:

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This request is for those documents.

I am also requesting all correspondence between Josh Hercus and either:

- (a) the Office of the Min of Regional Development covering updates on RAL, post watershed through to 1 September 2023 which include the term PTL or Pure Turoa or*
- (b) Pure Turoa (PTL) from the watershed meeting through to 1 September 2023.*

You requested the following two attachments, which were included in an email sent by Josh Hercus on 9 September 2023:

Date	Title
16/08/2023	RAL FY24 Assumptions - Liquidation extension 16.08.23
23/08/2023	FY23 RAL (Liquidation) Cashflow Reports v 23.08.16 - update

These documents are being withheld in full under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(b)(ii), 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;

- 9(2)(j), 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).

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

You requested all correspondence between Josh Hercus and Pure Tūroa (PTL), from the watershed meeting (20 June 2023) through to 1 September 2023. MBIE is refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You requested all correspondence between Josh Hercus and the Office of the Minister of Regional Development, covering updates on RAL, post watershed meeting (20 June 2023) through to 1 September 2023, which include the term PTL or Pure Tūroa. MBIE will provide a response but needs to extend the time available to make a decision on this part of your request. MBIE's response will be sent to you no later than 6 March 2024.

The reason for the extension is that consultations with various third parties necessary to make a decision on your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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