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Ref: OIA81

Stephen Prendergast
Email: fyi-request-26246-3080e637@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Stephen

Thank you for your email of 27 March 2024 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- 1) *The paper and supporting documents presented to Cabinet which confirmed additional funding announced on March 13.*
- 2) *Correspondence referred to by Shayne Jones communicating the finality of government funding.*

On 11 April 2024, the Ministry for the Environment wrote to you advising that this request had been transferred to my office, as the information requested is more closely aligned with the functions of my role as Minister for Regional Development.

The Cabinet Paper, *Decisions on the Future of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (RAL) In Liquidation and Receivership - post March 2024*, and its respective Cabinet Minute are due to be proactively released on the MBIE website at www.mbie.govt.nz/document-library.

The press release I refer to can be accessed on the Beehive website at <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/ruapehu-alpine-lifts-bailout-last-say-ministers>.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Shane Jones'.

Hon Shane Jones
Minister for Regional Development