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Ref: OIA 1575

Dear Mr Harris

Thank you for your OIA of 18 June 2015 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

"On 21 May 2015 the government announced that it would be budgeting \$25 million to encourage the formation of regional research institutes.

I would like to request the following information under the OIA:

All advice (including Cabinet papers, briefings, aide memoires, notes etc.) on these proposed regional research institutes. I am happy to exclude emails from this request."

Please find attached three relevant documents relating to the formation of regional research institutes.

We have withheld information under s9(2)(a) for privacy of natural persons and s9(2)(f)(iv) for protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers or officials.

I trust you will find this information helpful.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
WELLINGTON 6143

Yours sincerely

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