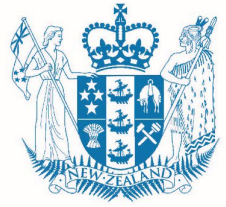


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OIA24-346

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your request of 27 August 2024, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Do you have, or have you had, an energy expert advisory group set up? If so, when was it set up, who are the members, what are its terms of reference, what specific matters have you asked for advice on, and what reports or communications have you received from that group. If it no longer operates when did the group end

As Minister for Energy, I have not set up any expert advisory groups. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

I note that the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has established stakeholder relationships and holds regular discussions with key stakeholders. MBIE also works with other regulatory agencies, such as the Electricity Authority, Gas Industry Company, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority and Commerce Commission to inform their advice to me.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at:

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Simeon Brown'.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister for Energy