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Dear Andrew Riddell

Thank you for your email received on 20 September 2024 to my Office requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Please provide copies of all briefings and advice you have received on domestic solar pv generation since you became Minister of Energy. This includes verbal briefings and advice as well as those in writing or electronic form.*

I note that I have interpreted your use of the term “domestic solar pv generation” to refer to household solar generation.

I have identified 7 documents in scope of your request, and have decided to release 5 of these documents, subject to some information being withheld under the following sections of the Act, and as detailed in the Document Schedule below:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(ba)(i) 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; and
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain free and frank opinions between Ministers and officials.

One of the above documents is a collation of relevant excerpts from reports or briefings that otherwise do not pertain to rooftop solar.

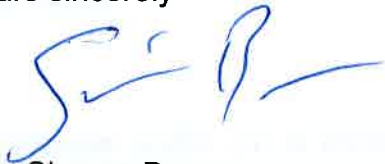
I am refusing documents that are or will soon be publicly available on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment website under section 18(d) of the Act, which relates to requests for information that are, or will soon be, publicly available. Details

of this document, and where you will be able to find them, are provided in the attached document schedule.

In terms of section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



Hon Simeon Brown  
**Minister for Energy**

## Document schedule

### Documents for release

#	Date	Ref#	Title	Withholding grounds
1	9 April 2024	2324-2581	Event Briefing: Meeting with Utilities Disputes Limited	9(2)(a) 9(2)(g)(i)
2	16 May 2024	2324-2597	Event Briefing: Meeting with solarZero and Aurora Energy	9(2)(a)
3	20 June 2024	2324-2935	Event Briefing: Meeting with Rewiring Aotearoa	9(2)(a)
4	Range	N/A	Excerpts – Collated excerpts from briefings and weekly reports relating to rooftop solar	9(2)(a) 9(2)(ba)(i) 9(2)(f)(iv)
5	13 September 2024	2425-0910	Consultation on proposed amendments to the Electricity (Safety) Regulations to expand the permitted voltage range for electricity supply	9(2)(a) 9(2)(g)(i)

### Documents withheld or refused in full

#	Date	Ref#	Title	Withholding and Refusal grounds	Link to publicly available document
1	27 November 2023	N/A	Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Minister for Energy	18(d)	<a href="https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/27988-briefing-for-the-incoming-minister-for-energy-proactiverelease-pdf">https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/27988-briefing-for-the-incoming-minister-for-energy-proactiverelease-pdf</a>
2	28 October 2024	Cabinet Paper	Cabinet Paper: Consultation on proposed amendments to the Electricity (Safety) Regulations to expand the permitted voltage range for electricity supply	18(d)	This will be published to the MBIE website in the next 30 working days: <a href="https://www.mbie.govt.nz/document-library">https://www.mbie.govt.nz/document-library</a>