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Dear C. Bennett

Thank you for your email of 3 September 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the official information act, can I request a copy of the briefings and advice referred to in your answer to WPQ 47952 (2024):

- Interview with Rural News - 29 July 2024
- Meeting with Ian Proudfoot (KPMG) - 31 July 2024
- MPI & VIP attendees at Canterbury West Coast Wood Council 2024 Forestry Industry Awards - 31 July 2024
- Vegetable production and industry allocation under the Emissions Trading Scheme - 1 August 2024
- Letter to Horticulture Industry Stakeholders - 2 August 2024
- Response to media query - 2 August 2024

Six documents have been found to be within scope of your request and five are released to you. Some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

Section of the Act	Reason to withhold
9(2)(a)	To protect the privacy of natural persons.
9(2)(g)(i)	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty

The documents are detailed in the attached document schedule in **Annex One**. One document is withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act 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 of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/

Yours sincerely

Hon Nicola Grigg
Associate Minister of Agriculture

Annex One: Document schedule

	Date	Document	Section of the Act applied
1	29 July 2024	AM24-0745 Interview with Rural News	9(2)(a) 9(2)(g)(i)
2	31 July 2024	AM24-0729 Meeting with Ian Proudfoot (KPMG)	9(2)(a) 9(2)(g)(i)
3	31 July 2024	MO24-0388 MPI & VIP attendees at Canterbury West Coast Wood Council 2024 Forestry Industry Awards	N/A
4	1 August 2024	AM24-0743 Vegetable production and industry allocation under the Emissions Trade Scheme	9(2)(g)(i)
5	2 August 2024	AM24-0737 Letter to Horticulture Stakeholders	
6	2 August 2024	AM24-0760 Response to media query from Ashburton Guardian	9(2)(g)(i) in full