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Dear C Bennett

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2024 requesting copies of the following documents:

*19 July - AM24-0709 Biography and suggested topics for meeting with Hon Chris Picton, South Australian Minister for Health and Wellbeing*

*26 July – MO24-0353 Meeting with Hon Nicola Grigg – information on plant import issues*

*05 August - AM24-0773 Update to AM24-0683 Exotic caulerpa Controlled Area Notice Review and Targeted Engagement Process*

*19 August – AM24-0754 Gene Technology Reform and the Horticulture Sector*

*19 August - AM24-0802 Red seaweed, Asparagopsis taxiformis detection*

*21 August – AM24-0812 Import health standard development and prioritisation*

*22 August – AM24-0822 Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus in South Australia*

*26 August – AM24-0779 Update on the Future of Certification Programme*

*26 August - AM24-0740 Bonamia ostreae - Autumn 2024 Surveillance Update*

*30 August – MO24-0427 Update on Australian detection of tomato brown rugose fruit virus*

I extended the time limit to respond to your request to 5 November 2024.

The following documents are released to you as Appendix One:

*MO24-0353 Meeting with Hon Nicola Grigg – information on plant import issues*

*AM24-0773 Update to AM24-0683 Exotic caulerpa Controlled Area Notice Review and Targeted Engagement Process*

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Some information has been withheld pursuant to the following sections of the OIA:

- Section 9(2)(a) – *to protect the privacy of natural persons.*
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) - *to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information.*
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) - *to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*
- Section 9(2)(i) – *to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities*
- Section 9(2)(j) – *to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations, (including commercial and industrial negotiations)*
- Section 6(b)(i) – *release likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government by the Government of another country.*

The briefing titled *AM24-0740 Bonamia ostreae - Autumn 2024 Surveillance Update* is withheld in full pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA – *to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*

Some consultation is still required before I release the document, *AM24-0709 Biography and suggested topics for meeting with Hon Chris Picton, South Australian Minister for Health and Wellbeing.* I will release this to you as soon as possible.

I am satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

You are advised of your right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman at [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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