



OIA072

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Dear Dan Moskovitz

Thank you for your email of 29 September 2024 requesting information relating to High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza (HPAI). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

*I formally request, under the Official Information Act, the avian influenza briefings mentioned in your response to WP58110. For the sake of clarity, these are;*  
*B24-0348 Preparing for High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza*  
*AM24-0479 HPAI Talking Points – Meeting with Poultry Industry Representatives*  
*AM24-0528 Biosecurity Portfolio Priorities*  
*AM24-0655 Update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza*  
*AM24-0678 Update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza*  
*AM24-0721 Meeting with Hon Clare Scriven MLC, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Government of South Australia*  
*AM24-0728 Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Response Preparedness*  
*AM24-0770 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza Update*  
*AM24-0807 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza update*  
*If you have received any further updates or advice since your response to WP58110, I request those too.*

The documents you have requested are attached as Appendix One.

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

- Section 6(a) – *the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand*
- Section 6(b)(i) – *the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government*
- Section 9(2)(a) – *to protect the privacy of natural persons.*
- 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)(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.*
- Section 9(2)(h) – *to maintain legal professional privilege.*

- 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).*

I am satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information under section 9 of the OIA 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hoggard', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Hon Andrew Hoggard  
**Minister for Biosecurity**