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Dear C Bennett

Thank you for your email of 8 October 2024 requesting copies of various documents I have received. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

Under the Official Information Act 1982, may I request a copy of the following briefings and advice provided to the Minister:

- *AM24-0861, Training programmes in the primary industries, 19 September 2024*
- *B24-0525, Amendments to the Biosecurity Act 1993 to implement the Gene Technology Act, 11 September 2024*
- *AM24-0877, Update on the corbicula fluminea Waikato 2023 Response, 12 September 2024*
- *AM24-0816, Improving the plant nursery stock import system, 12 September 2024*
- *AM24-0862, Proposed changes to nursery stock import pathways, 12 September 2024*
- *AM24-0807 High Pathogenicity Avian Influenza update, 2 September 2024*
- *MO24-0445, Foodborne Illness in New Zealand: 2023 Report, 18 September 2024*
- *AM24-0825, Meeting with Minister Patterson and Rob Phillips, 10 September 2024*
- *BRF-5268, Meeting with Horticulture New Zealand, 19 September*
- *AM24-0899, Progress and Milestones for the Wilding Conifer Programme, 10 September 2024*
- *B24-0564, Ministry for Regulation Agricultural and Horticulture Products Review – Advice to support Ministers’ meeting, 20 September 2024*
- *BRF-5245 Update on FW-FP Stakeholder engagement*

On 8 November I extended the time limit to respond to your request to 27 November.

The documents you have requested are attached as Appendix One. 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)(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.*

The following paper is withheld in full pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA:

- *BRF-5245 Update on FW-FP Stakeholder engagement*

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.

Yours sincerely



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