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By email: fyi-request-28693-870a7774@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear C Bennett,

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 8 October 2024 in which you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the Official Information Act 1982, may I request a copy of the following advice received by your office:

- *MO24-09454, Talking Points – Pausing the rollout of freshwater farm plans, 18 September 2024*
- *B24-0446 Dairy Quota Allocations for the 2025 Quota Year, 18 September 2024*
- *AM24-0856, Summary of FW-FP stakeholder engagement, 19 September 2024*
- *AM24-0933, Update on agriculture and forestry projections, 20 September 2024*
- *AM24-750 Meeting with Deer Industry New Zealand, 20 September 2024*

The following documents are released to you as **Appendix One**:

- *Talking Points – Pausing the rollout of freshwater farm plans (MO24-0454), dated 18 September 2024*
- *Dairy Quota Allocations for the 2025 quota year (B24-0446), dated 18 September 2024*
- *Meeting with Deer Industry New Zealand (AM24-0750), dated 20 September 2024*

The document *Meeting with Deer Industry New Zealand (AM24-0750)* provides background information for a meeting with Deer Industry New Zealand on 23 September 2024. Please note this meeting did not go ahead on this date and has been postponed until later in November 2024.

Some information is being withheld pursuant to the following sections of the Act:

- Section 6(a) – *to prevent prejudice to the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.*
- 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)(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)(g)(ii) – *to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.*

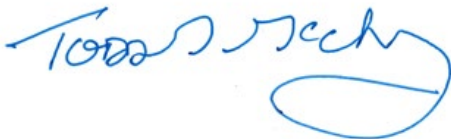
The following documents have been withheld in full pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act – *to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*

- *Summary of FW-FP stakeholder engagement (AM24-0856), dated 19 September 2024*
- *Update on agriculture and forestry projections (AM24-0933), dated 20 September 2024*

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Warm regards,



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