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Ref: JCOIA-230

Jodie Bruning

Via FYI.org: fyi-request-29214-88aa2641@requests.fyi.org

Dear Jodie

Thank you for your email of 21 November 2024 to my Office requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Please supply the following information held by your office (as Attorney-General and Minister of Science Innovation and technology) regarding the Gene Technology regulations which you have discussed in the media, and take an active interest in:

[1] Please list all discussion documents supplied to you, the date they were supplied, and which agency/authority/department supplied them.

[2] Please can I have a copy of all regulatory impact analyses held by your office.

[3] Please can I have a copy of any regulatory impact statements held by your office.

Please see my response to the above points below:

[1] Please list all discussion documents supplied to you, the date they were supplied, and which agency/authority/department supplied them.

I have not been provided any discussion documents regarding the regulation of gene technologies so this part of your request is declined under section 18(e) as the information does not exist. However, you can find the relevant Cabinet paper and several briefings provided to me on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)'s Gene Technology page at: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/agencies-policies-and-budget-initiatives/gene-technology-regulation>

[2] and [3]: Please can I have a copy of all regulatory impact analyses and regulatory impact statements held by your office.

The *Regulatory Impact Statement – Reform of Gene Technology Regulation* has been proactively released, and you can find it on MBIE's website above. There are no other

relevant regulatory impact analyses or statements held by my office. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Judith Collins', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology