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Tēnā koe J Bruning

Thank you for your email of 15 November 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Papers concerning the new Gene Technology regulations - no information appears to be released to the public as yet (November 15, 2024)*

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.*
4. *All email discussions or memos of who may be 'affected persons'.*

Please see MBIE's response to the above bullet points below:

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

MBIE is the lead agency for the Coalition Government's gene technology reforms so has not been provided with discussion documents by other government organisations. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

However, you may be interested in the following online documents that were reviewed by MBIE staff:

- The Ministry for the Environment's consultation in 2023 on improving GMO regulations for laboratory and biomedical research: <https://consult.environment.govt.nz/comms/gmo-regulations/>.
- The Royal Society Te Apārangi's reports in 2019 on gene editing in New Zealand: <https://www.royalsociety.org.nz/major-issues-and-projects/gene-editing-in-aotearoa/>

*[2] & [3] Please can I have a copy of all regulatory impact analyses and 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 here: <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/agencies-policies-and-budget-initiatives/gene-technology-regulation>

MBIE has not developed any other regulatory impact analyses or statements relevant to the regulation of gene technologies. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

*[4] All email discussions or memos of who may be 'affected persons'.*

We assume this part of your request is about whether provisions regarding “affected persons” in the Resource Management Act 1991 would be adopted in the new Gene Technology Bill (the Bill). The concept was not considered for inclusion in the Bill, so this part of your request is refused under s18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

If you were instead seeking information about the sectors that might be impacted by the Bill, the above Regulatory Impact Statement contains the most comprehensive analysis. In particular:

- Pages 113-116 cover MBIE’s assessment of the expected costs and benefits on different groups.
- Pages 123-127 list the stakeholders MBIE consulted to develop our policy advice on the Bill.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [OIA@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@mbie.govt.nz).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'de Jong', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. A diagonal line is drawn across the signature from the bottom left to the top right.

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