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Official information request

Our ref: R00638

Tēnā koe David

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) received on 19 November 2024. You requested:

1. *Can you provide any information/documentation held that discusses (internally) or directs the Ministry regarding regulations involving iwi/Māori engagement or consultation.*
2. *Can you also provide any communications (emails, letters, reports only) with ministers that specifically discusses iwi/Māori engagement.*

We have interpreted your request as it pertains to our work where we have engaged or consulted with iwi or Māori groups and representatives.

Information released

Some of the material in scope of your request is published on the Ministry for Regulation website, and we have listed the relevant weblinks where applicable.

Where material is not publicly available, we have enclosed the requested information. Below are the key sections of the OIA under which some information has been withheld:

- 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
- 9(2)(f)(iv) - to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by ministers and officials.

As required by section 9(1) of the OIA, I have considered whether the grounds for withholding the information requested is outweighed by the public interest. In this instance, I do not consider that to be the case.

Part one of your request

The below table lists the papers in scope of your request, which are publicly available on the Ministry for Regulation website – <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/about-us/our-publications/>.

We therefore refuse this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA as information is publicly available.

Date	Document title
28/08/2024	Regulatory Impact Statement: Providing certainty on the Treaty Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none">Refer to the Quality Assurance section on page 4.
13/09/2024	2024-064: Agreeing to a consultation approach on the Regulatory Standards Bill <ul style="list-style-type: none">Refer to page 4, para 12, and pages 5-7, paras 16-31.
13/09/2024	2024-103: The Regulatory Standards Bill and the Treaty of Waitangi
25/10/2024	2024-145: Feedback from departmental consultation on the draft Regulatory Standards Bill Cabinet paper and discussion document <ul style="list-style-type: none">Refer to the overview of feedback from agency consultation on pages 4-6.
Undated	Information release: Cabinet Paper CAB 24-SUB-0437 Approval to consult on a proposed approach to the Regulatory Standards Bill <ul style="list-style-type: none">Refer to page 60, para 10 on targeted agency consultation.

Part two of your request

The Ministry is currently conducting regulatory reviews into the early childhood education and agricultural and horticultural products sectors.

The below tables outline the documents in scope of your request as they pertain to each review.

Early Childhood Education Sector Regulatory Review

Date	Document title / Comment
03/05/2024	2024-017: ECE sector review engagement approach [*Part of Information release: Information release: Cabinet paper SOU-24-SUB-0050 - Terms of Reference for the ECE regulatory review] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Please refer to page 11, para 29-31 on ‘Engagement with Māori’.
08/05/2024	Briefing 2024-018: Updated ECE regulatory sector review Cabinet paper for ministerial and coalition consultation – Appendix 1: Draft Cabinet Paper and Terms of Reference [*Part of Information release: Information release: Cabinet paper SOU-24-SUB-0050 - Terms of Reference for the ECE regulatory review] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Refer to page 25, para 40 of the Cabinet paper on ‘Population implications’.

Date	Document title / Comment
02/08/2024	See attached paper - 2024-088 : Approach to engaging in different languages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The paper discusses using an engagement approach tailored to different audiences, including Māori.
09/09/2024	See attached paper - MFR2024-113 : Early Childhood Education Sector Review Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA. Refer to attachment mentioning Puna Reo and Kōhanga Reo site visits.
20/09/2024	<u>MFR2024-121: Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review Themes from direct engagement</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper contains references to engagement with Māori providers and representatives.
27/09/2024	<u>MFR2024 132: Weekly Report 27 September</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to updates about the Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review, referring to Kōhanga Reo and Puna Reo engagement.
04/10/2024	<u>MFR2024 135: Weekly Report 4 October</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to updates about the Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review, referring to Kōhanga Reo and Puna Reo engagement.
18/10/2024	<u>MFR2024 144: Weekly Report 18 October</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to updates about the Early Childhood Education Regulatory Review, referring to Kōhanga Reo and Puna Reo engagement.
07/11/2024	See attached paper - 2024-153 : Early Childhood Education Sector Review September Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA. Refer to attachment mentioning Te Kōhanga Reo and Puna Reo site visits.

Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review

Date	Document title
24/06/2024	<u>2024-059: Draft terms of reference and Cabinet paper for the Agricultural Products Regulatory Review</u> [*Part of Information release: Cabinet paper EXP-24-MIN-0033 - Terms of Reference for the approval path for agricultural and horticultural products regulatory review] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to page 35, Cabinet paper section on ‘<i>Stakeholder engagement</i>’; discusses targeted engagement with selected stakeholders, including Māori. Refer to page 45, Terms of Reference sub-section on ‘<i>Other stakeholder interests</i>’, on cultural perspectives and potential impacts on Māori.

20/09/2024	2024-106: September update on Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review for 24 September Joint Ministers Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.
31/10/2024	2024-107: October update on Agricultural and Horticultural Products Regulatory Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA.


Right of review

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