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Ref: DOIA-REQ-0007024

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Tēnā koe Matt Bell

Thank you for your email of 2 December 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

On 1 May 2024 Robert Pigou published a report Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Realignment Proposal for Change

My question is how many staff, and their titles and position/group within MBIE have responsibilities related to Turoa in Kanoa.

Please also provide copies of all emails sent by Robert Pigou that mention ‘Turoa’ or are sent/received from the Turoa Directors for the period August to November 2024.

On 16 January 2025, MBIE advised you that it was extending the time available to make a decision on your request. The reason for the extension was that consultations necessary to make a decision on your request were such that a proper response could not reasonably be made within the original time limit. MBIE informed you that a decision would be sent to you no later than 27 January 2025.

Kānoa – Regional Development & Commercial Services (Kānoa – RD & Commercial Services) does not have specific roles or responsibilities assigned solely to Turoa as staff work across a range of responsibilities, covering multiple areas. Therefore, it is not possible to provide an exact number of staff whose work specifically relates to Turoa.

Below is a schedule of the documentation relevant to your request:

Date	Document Type	Description/Title	Withholding grounds
10/09/2024	Email	[9(2)(b)(ii)]	9(2)(a) 9(2)(b)(ii)
3/09/2024	Attachment	[9(2)(b)(ii)]	Withheld - 9(2)(b)(ii)
8/10/2024	Email	Re: Drawdown and Leave	9(2)(a) 9(2)(ba)(i) 9(2)(j)
8/10/2024	Attachment	PTL MBIE 8-Oct-24	9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i) 9(2)(j)
8/10/2024	Attachment	PTL Comms Out 8 October	9(2)(j)

1/11/2024	Email	RE: Response regarding [9(2)(b)(ii)]	9(2)(a) 9(2)(b)(ii)
31/10/2024	Attachment	Letter MBIE [9(2)(b)(ii)]	Withheld - 9(2)(b)(ii)
1/11/2024	Attachment	Pure Turoa Board 1 Nov	Withheld - 9(2)(b)(ii)
4/11/2024	Email	RE: [9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i)]	9(2)(a) 9(2)(ba)(ii)
25/11/2024	Email	RE: [9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i)]	9(2)(a) 9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i)
22/11/2024	Attachment	[9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i)]	Withheld - 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i)
27/11/2024	Email	Re: [9(2)(ba)(i)]	9(2)(a) 9(2)(b)(ii) 9(2)(ba)(i)
27/11/2024	Attachment	[9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i)]	Withheld - 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i)
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Where items are not being withheld in full, copies are attached. Please note some information within these documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;
- 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 supplied or who is the subject of the information;
- 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied; and
- 9(2)(j), to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

Please note that this response and enclosed documents, with your personal details removed, may be published on the MBIE website: www.mbie.govt.nz/document-library.

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.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tane Dewes', written in a cursive style.

Tane Dewes

Manager, Operations Support and Improvement

Kānoa – Regional Development & Commercial Services