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Dear Andrew Riddell

Official Information Act request for Environment portfolio Weekly Updates

I refer to your official information request of 10 March 2018 for Weekly Updates prepared for me by the Ministry for the Environment.

Your request is one of a number of requests I have received to date for Environment Weekly Updates. This has demonstrated the significant public interest in this material being made easily available to all New Zealanders.

I take the position that Weekly Updates which are under three months old remain under active consideration. It is, however, important to me that this material is made publicly available once I have been able to make decisions on the material provided.

Because of this, I have asked officials to release my Weekly Updates once they are over three months old on the Ministry for the Environment website. On 11 May 2018 the Environment Weekly Updates I received between October 2017 and January 2018 will be made available on the Ministry for the Environment's website. Ministry for the Environment officials will be in touch with you to provide you with a link to this material.

Therefore, I am formally refusing the part of your OIA which covers briefings between 26 October 2017 - 31 January 2018 under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act on the grounds that the material captured within your request will soon be publicly available. And I am refusing the part of your OIA which captures material produced after 31 January 2018 under section 9(2)(f)(iv) as this material remains under my active consideration.

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 black ink that reads "David Parker".

Hon David Parker

Minister for the Environment