



12 December 2018

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Reference: OIA-2018/19-0169

Dear Steve Glassey

**Official Information Act request relating to Notes, Documents, Email Held by MCDEM
re EM ACE Meeting Sept 2018**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 2 October 2018. You requested:

...Please supply all notes taken at, and documents (including emails) held by MCDEM in relation to (and arising from) the EM ACE governance group meeting held in September 2018...."

On 30 October 2018, the time limits for responding to your request were extended by an additional 30 days, to allow for necessary consultations to be completed prior to making a decision on your request.

We have interpreted your request as referring to the Emergency Management Adult and Community Education (ACE) Governance Group meeting of 18 September 2018.

I have also assumed that you do not wish us to provide you with a copy of the application you made to the Governance Group, as while it is also in scope of the requested documents, I believe you will not be interested in receiving it back.

Information being released

I have decided to release the documents relevant to your request, subject to information being withheld as noted. The relevant grounds under the Act which information has been withheld are:

section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
section 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or who is the subject of the information.

In addition to the documents being released to you, I note there were entries in the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management's Status Reports of 6, 13 and 20 September 2018, which referenced the meeting of 18 September. I have decided to summarise the portions of these entries relevant to your request:

The Status Report entry on the 6 September referred to the meeting of 18 September 2018 being organised, and that the group would likely require input from MPI to assess any applications, which it expected to receive and consider at the meeting. The entry for 13 September also highlighted the expectation that applications would be received and then tabled at the meeting. The entry on 20 September noted that an application for funding had

been received, and was considered at the Meeting. The entry also notes that the Governance Group did not feel that they had all the information required to make a formal recommendation to TEC, and that the Chair would write to MPI to request additional information and assurance before a final decision would be reached. The email from the Chair to MPI and MPI's response are contained in the attached release documents.

Information publicly available

Some correspondence between the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet that is relevant to this request has already been responded to in a separate request you have made to MPI. We note that this information is also publicly available on the FYI website:

Date	Document Title	Website Address
31/10/2018	OIA Release – OIA18-0691	https://fyi.org.nz/request/8796/response/29241/attach/html/3/OIA18%200691%20Response%20to%20Your%20Request.pdf.html

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents included in the above table under section 18(d) of the Act – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Some relevant information has been removed from the document listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

Information to be withheld

There is additional information covered by your request that I have decided to withhold in full under the following section of the Act:

section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

These documents were draft versions of the letters that you have either already received, or are contained in the attached release documents.

In making my decision, I have taken the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Act into account.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released quarterly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Director, MCDEM

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