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Dear Mr Watkins

Thank you for your email of 24 July 2013 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) the following:

- "1. Please tell me which government department or organisation would be responsible for managing energy, food and other critical resources in the event of scarcity or civil emergency?"*
- 2. How would your department ensure the fair distribution of resources in the event of scarcity, whether caused by civil emergency, excessive demand, or limited supply. For example if petrol supplies to New Zealand were limited by similar events to the oil shocks in the 1970s what policy and plans would be put into effect?"*
- 3. What other resources do you have scarcity plans for?"*

In response to your request, firstly I would advise you to look at the document *New Zealand's National Security System* on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website at [www.dpmc.govt.nz](http://www.dpmc.govt.nz). This document provides information on which agency or organisation is responsible for leading the response to a range of emergency situations, including civil defence emergencies and interruptions to critical supplies. The lead agency for any response is determined by the scale and nature of the emergency and, therefore, the response required.

The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management also has a *National Civil Defence Emergency Management Fuel Plan* which is available on its website at [www.civildefence.govt.nz](http://www.civildefence.govt.nz). The plan provides information on how a response is managed where fuel supply is constrained due to an emergency, or where supply issues lead to an emergency.

You may also find it interesting to look at the *Briefing to the Incoming Minister of Civil Defence* on the Department of Internal Affairs' website at [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz). This provides information on how the response to a civil defence emergency is handled, including the different modes of response that can be activated and information on who leads a response.

Thank you again for your request. I trust you will find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lesa Kalapu', with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Lesla Kalapu  
Policy Director