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Dear David

Your OIA request of 17 May 2019 concerning the Medical Issues Working Group (MIWG) was partially transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on 22 May.

The parts of the OIA that were transferred to and accepted by MBIE were "official information associated with":

1. *the internal documentation between MBIE, and the medical working group...or those associated with the creation and formation of the group.*

and

2. *copies of the internal MBIE documentation that details who the group is answerable to, the structure and number of members in the group, and whether this group has any obligation's to consult with ACC claimant advocacy groups and or ACC claimant lead feedback groups or organisations.*

MBIE was not involved in the formation of the MIWG and its involvement was limited to attendance of the four meetings between December 2016 and November 2017.

As such, the second part of the request transferred to us is being refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as we do not hold this information.

MBIE found four documents in scope from the MIWG process. We understand that you will be receiving these documents as part of ACC's response. Therefore, we are not releasing the following documents:

File	Description
Medical issues working group v2	Meeting Notes and Actions, 19 December 2016
Medical issues working group 13 March notes v01	Meeting Notes and Actions, 13 March 2017
Medical Issues Working Group July 2017 v0.1	PowerPoint presentation for 7 July 2017 meeting
Medical Issues Working Group summary FINAL18 4 18 (2)	Summary of Medical Issues Working Group's discussion on medical evidence issues



In both of the meeting notes and actions documents we hold, there is reference to MBIE presenting on and providing documentation to the working group on potential changes to the Accident Compensation (Review Costs and Appeals) Regulations 2002. These documents have not been located in our archives.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact Thomas Whyte at Thomas.Whyte@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.

Yours sincerely

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