

10 December 2019

Mr Plunket
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Ref: H201909657

Dear Mr Plunket

Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request of 3 November 2019 under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for:

"All formal and informal briefings, advice, cabinet papers, memos, aide-memoire and any other documentation (including correspondence via letter, email, text, iMessage, WhatsApp and any other forms) regarding the impact/anticipated impact of the already enacted and to-be-enacted legislation relevant to the racing industry on problem gambling, gambling harm and any associated harm to people in New Zealand.

This application includes any communication between the Ministry of Health and the following government agencies

- 1. Department of Internal Affairs*
- 2. Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet*
- 3. Treasury*
- 4. Te Puni Kōkiri*
- 5. Ministry of Pacific Peoples*
- 6. Ministry of Social Development*
- 7. Racing Industry Transition Agency (formerly New Zealand Racing Board)."*

On 12 November 2019, you refined your request to include only information from 2018.

Information in response to your request is itemised in Appendix One with copies of documents attached. Please note that information relating to the upcoming Racing Industry Reforms is withheld in full pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

I trust this information fulfils your request. You have the right, under section 28 of the Act, to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Shearer', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Robyn Shearer

**Deputy Director-General
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Appendix One: List of documents

#	Date	Title	Decision on release
1	n/a	Email communication	<p>Released with some information withheld pursuant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons; and • Section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions; <p>Some emails are withheld in full pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.</p>
2	30 August 2018	Messara Report into the New Zealand Racing Industry	<p>Refused in full pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available at: https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.NSF/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Our-Policy-Advice-Areas-Racing-Policy?OpenDocument.</p>
3	29 March 2019	MoH Notes	<p>Released with some information withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.</p>
4	2 April 2019	RIA Reforms	<p>Refused in full pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available at: https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.NSF/wpg_URL/Resource-material-Our-Policy-Advice-Areas-Racing-Policy?OpenDocument.</p>
5	2 April 2019	MoH Feedback	<p>Released with some information withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.</p>
6	30 May 2018	Introduction to Key Gambling Harm Reduction Terms, Concepts, Theory and issues in New Zealand	Released in full.
7	n/a	Insider's Guide to Writing Gambling Research and Evaluation Funding Applications	Released in full.

8	5 to 11 April 2019	Weekly reports	Released with some information withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.
9	17 April 2019	LEG Bill	Refused in full pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available at: https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/SCR_89297/da7db55b1c14941d39ea44d8e8fcc5f5519de1a6
10	17 April 2019	Cabinet Paper 1: Overview	Refused in full pursuant to section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available at: https://www.dia.govt.nz/Racing-review
11	17 April 2019	Cabinet Paper 2: Transitional Governance	
12	17 April 2019	Cabinet Paper 3: Financial Recommendations	
13	21 March 2019	Changes to forecasting figures	Released in full.