



19 November 2019

Dr Caralee McLiesh
Chief Executive
The Treasury
By email: Ministerial.Services@treasury.govt.nz

Reference: OIA-2019/20-0256

Dear Dr McLiesh

Official Information Act request relating to Cabinet papers associated with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) announcement about a satellite to detect methane emissions

On 14 November 2019, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet received the **attached** Official Information Act (the Act) request from Barry Brill. The request was for:

"The MBIE has announced an investment of \$26 million in a satellite to detect methane emissions, in a joint venture with the Environmental Defence Society of the USA. Please provide a copy of any cabinet papers in support of this investment, including the treasury Report."

I believe that any Cabinet papers in support of the requested information is more closely connected with the functions of MBIE, and that any Treasury report is more closely connected to the functions of the Treasury. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer the part of the request related to the Treasury report to you, as Chief Executive of the Treasury.

I have today informed the requestor of the transfer, and that you have 20 working days to make a decision.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial Services

Enc: Copy of request and letter advising of the transfer



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Barry Brill

By email: fyi-request-11649-81af6869@requests.fyi.org.nz

Reference: OIA-2019/20-0256

Dear Barry Brill

Official Information Act request relating to Cabinet papers associated with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's (MBIE) announcement about a satellite to detect methane emissions

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act (the Act), received on 14 November 2019. You requested:

"The MBIE has announced an investment of \$26 million in a satellite to detect methane emissions, in a joint venture with the Environmental Defence Society of the USA. Please provide a copy of any cabinet papers in support of this investment, including the treasury Report."

I believe that the part of your request for MBIE Cabinet papers is more closely connected to the functions of MBIE, and the part of your request for a Treasury report is more closely connected to the functions of the Treasury. Accordingly, I have decided under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act to transfer your request to MBIE and the Treasury, as appropriate.

MBIE and the Treasury have 20 working days from receipt of this transfer to make a decision on your request.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Corbett
Manager, Ministerial Services