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Grace Haden  
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Dear Grace Haden

Thank you for your email of 17 December 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*On 5 October members of the Ministry attended a Select Committee meeting. Please advise who from the ministry attended, what was their role and was it vital, what was the meeting in regards to what time did the meeting commence and what time did it conclude when was the meeting scheduled and by whom? Please provide minutes of that meeting.*

As you know, the Environment Committee met on 5 October 2021. Ministry for the Environment officials attended the meeting for the committee's Inquiry on the Natural and Built Environment Bill Parliamentary Paper. The meeting was in private session. Ministry officials listed under "1.3 Consideration" were remote participants in the meeting.

Officials assist committees by providing information about draft legislation and issues associated with its implementation, commenting on evidence received by the committee, producing departmental reports on submissions, and making recommendations for amendments.

Attached is a copy of the meeting minutes. These minutes were provided by Select Committee Services. Please note, some of the content has been refused under section 18(c)(ii) of the Act, because the making available of the information requested would constitute contempt of the House of Representatives.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our website shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

Bridget Fraser  
**Director - Ministerial Services**

### Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	5 Oct 2021	Environment Committee: minutes	Released in part	Section 18(c)(ii)



**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
KOMITI TAIAO**

**MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday, 5 October 2021

TIME: 9.00am – 10.33am, 10.45am – 12.56pm, 1.30pm – 3.00pm

VENUE: Zoom videoconference

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon Eugenie Sage (Chairperson) (remote participation)  
Rachel Brooking (remote participation)  
Tāmami Coffey (remote participation)  
Simon Court (remote participation)  
Anahila Kanongata'a-Suisuiki (remote participation)  
Hon Scott Simpson (remote participation)  
Tangi Utikere (remote participation)  
Angie Warren-Clark (remote participation)  
Nicola Willis (remote participation)

**VISITOR PRESENT**

Matt Paterson, Chief Advisor, Policy and Programmes, Parliamentary  
Commissioner for the Environment.

**COMMITTEE STAFF:**

Ged Lynch, Clerk of Committee  
Jacob Mackay, Deputy Clerk of Committee  
Izzy Tannock, Deputy Clerk of Committee

**BUSINESS**

- 1. Inquiry on the Natural and Built Environments Bill: Parliamentary Paper  
9.01am – 2.59pm**

- 1.1 Paper tabled**

- Ministry for the Environment (Departmental report version 2)  
2021 09 30

1.2 Hearing of evidence (PRIVATE)

(9.01am – 9.56am)

Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment  
Janine Smith, Deputy Secretary Natural and Built System and Climate  
Mitigation, Ministry for the Environment  
Arron Cox, Private Secretary (Environment), Office of Hon David Parker  
Corin Higgs, Senior Ministerial Advisor, Office of Hon David Parker

1.3 Consideration

**Ministry for the Environment**

Suzanne Kennedy, Manager  
Joe Beaglehole, Principal  
Vivienne Holm, Principal  
William Collin, Principal  
Alison Newbald, Principal  
Shawnee Westerman, Senior Analyst  
Ben Attwood, Senior Solicitor  
Marina Chevalier, Analyst

**Parliamentary Counsel Office**

Briar Gordon, Parliamentary Counsel  
Fiona Lincoln, Parliamentary Counsel

*The meeting was suspended from 10.33am to 10.45am, and again from 12.56pm to 1.30pm.*

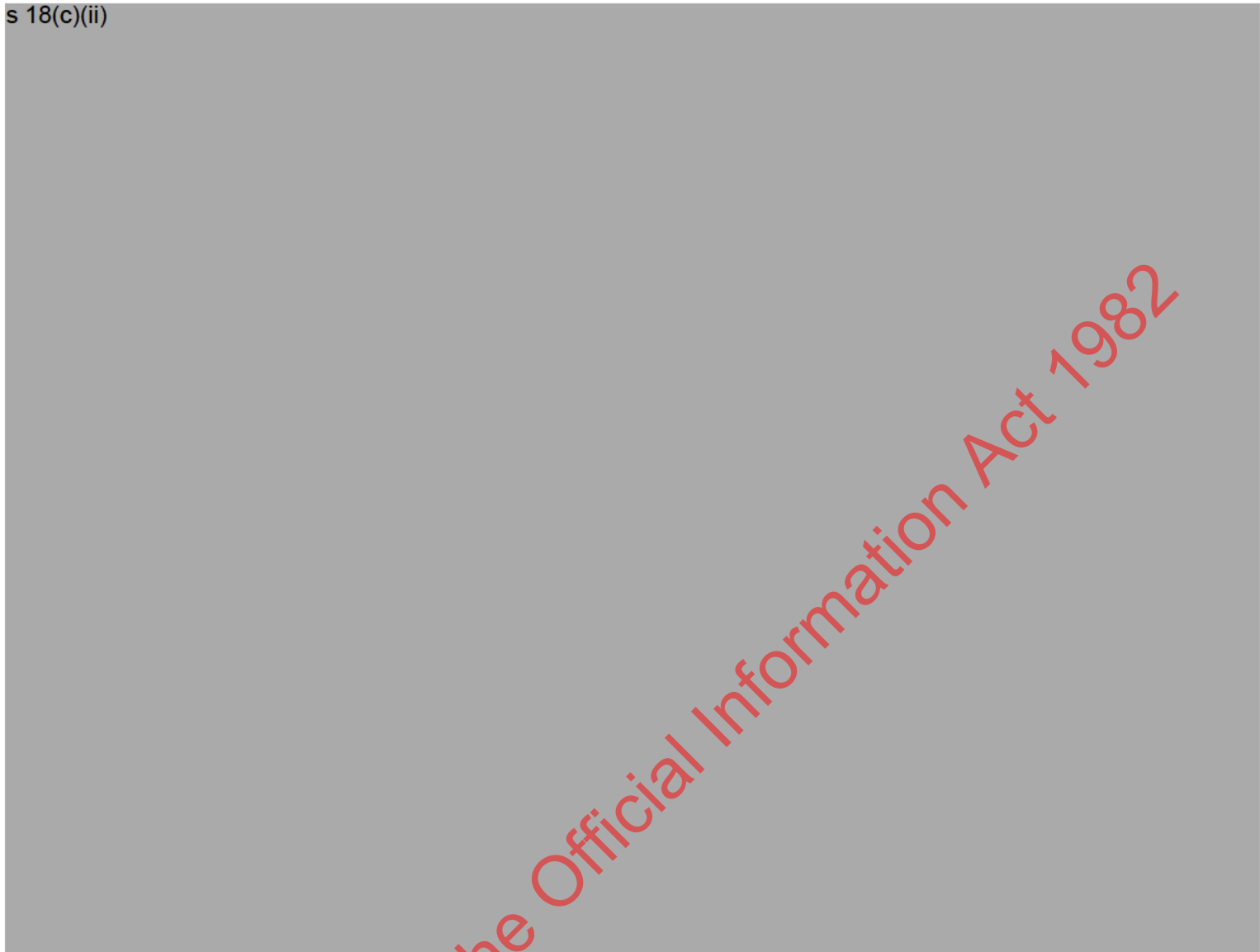
*Resolved*, That the Parliamentary Counsel Office prepare a provisional revision tracked version of the Natural and Built Environments Bill Exposure Draft.

*Resolved*, That the Ministry for the Environment provide further information on Clause 6 of the Natural and Built Environments Bill Exposure Draft.

*Resolved*, that the committee write to the Business Committee to request a special debate in the House for the inquiry.

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The committee adjourned.

*EM Sage*

Signed as a correct record

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Chairperson  
21 October 2021

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