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Dear John Luke

Thank you for your email of 24 February 2023 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Central Government members of regional planning committees*

*Can you please provide term of reference and job description of this committee. Also current member and their current term of appointment.*

Currently there are no terms of reference, job descriptions, or current members. The Natural and Built Environment Bill (Bill) requires each appointing body (including the Minister who appoints the central government member) to prepare an appointment policy that may cover things like skills requirements or role, but this has not been prepared yet.

The Ministry for the Environment is refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act; the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or cannot be found.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision in response relating to this request, 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 [OIA responses page](#) 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

*Electronically approved by Jane White*

Jane White  
**Deputy Executive Director – Natural and Built System**