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Tēnā koe B White

Your Official Information Act request, reference OIA 2223-0792

Thank you for your email of **14 April 2023**, which was transferred to Te Tari Taiwhenua the Department of Internal Affairs (the Department), on **27 April 2023**. In your email, you request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

May I please have documents used to create the information contained within the table labelled "Average Household Costs in 2054 (2022 prices)" in the Affordable Water Financial Benefits document attached to the release linked below.

In particular I am looking for:

- *financial models used to generate the figures quoted*
- *source documents for inputs and assumptions to the financial models*

After careful consideration, the Department has made the decision to refuse your request in reliance of s18(d) of the Act, because *the information requested is or will soon be publicly available*. The Department is currently working through the process necessary to publish this information to our website, as there is a high degree of public interest.

Once we have published the information to our website, we will notify you and provide you with a link to the location of the information.

In the meantime, the Department encourages you to review the previous modelling, which also helped to inform the refined modelling for 10 Water Services Entities. That information is on our website, as part of the National Evidence Base, located here:

www.dia.govt.nz/three-waters-reform-programme-national-evidence-base

Information used in the development of the original modelling was in part from the Department's Request for Information (RfI) process. Further information regarding this can also be found on our website here:

www.dia.govt.nz/Archived-Three-Waters-Reform-Programme-information#RFI

In relation to the future publication of the information refused above, certain information may be withheld under the principles of one or more of the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to *protect the privacy of natural persons*;
- 9(2)(b)(ii) because it *would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of... the subject of the information*;
- 9(2)(ba), to *protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence...where the making available of the information (i) would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information*, and
- 9(2)(ba)(ii) *would be likely otherwise to damage the public interest*; and
- s9(2)(f)(iv), to *maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect— the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials*. Certain decisions are still under consideration by the Minister.
- 9(2)(g)(i) to *maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through— the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown*
- 9(2)(j) to *enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)*.

You have the right, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Office of the Ombudsman. The postal address of the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington. Alternatively, you can phone 0800 802 602 or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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