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Tēnā koe Liz

Thank you for your email of 28 April 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- Any advice provided by MBIE to Ministers in the last five years on the cost and benefits of hosting the Commonwealth Games in 2034.
- Any documents provided to Ministers in the last five years which reference potentially hosting the Commonwealth Games in 2034.

Please find attached the documentation relevant to your request. 12 documents have been identified in scope of your request. I am releasing 11 of these documents to you in this response. I am refusing one document under section 18(d) of the Act, as it has already been made publicly available. This document can be accessed from the following link:

[Oral Item: Update on Commonwealth Games 2034 Process – Minute of Decision \(mbie.govt.nz\)](https://mbie.govt.nz)

The documents, and the decisions as to their release, are outlined in the following table:

#	Date	Description/Title	Withholding grounds
1	21 Jul 2022	Email: 2223-0240 Commonwealth Games scoping report	s 9(2)(a)
2	20 Jul 2022	Briefing: 2223-0240 Commonwealth Games scoping report	s 9(2)(a); s 9(2)(ba)(i); s 9(2)(f)(iv); & s 9(2)(g)(i)
3	21 Jul 2022	Email: Final Scope Report	s 9(2)(a)
4	Jul 2022	Scope Investigation	s 9(2)(ba)(i); s 9(2)(d) s 9(2)(f)(iv); & s 9(2)(g)(i)
5	27 Jul 2022	Email: Stuff media enquiry CGF	Release in full
6	21 Dec 2022	FW: FYI: Commonwealth Games update	s 9(2)(a); s 9(2)(f)(iv) & s 9(2)(g)(i)
7	19 Dec 2022	NZOC Comm Games Letter- Dec 2022	Release in full
8	20 Feb 2023	Email: ODEV email update	Some information withheld as out of scope

9	21 Feb 2023	Email: RE ODEV email update	Some information withheld as out of scope
10	6 Apr 2023	Email: 2223-3329 Proactive release Comm Games Cabinet Minute	s 9(2)(a)
11	22 Feb 2023	DEV-23-MIN-0009 Minute	Refused under section 18(d)
12	13 Apr 2023	Email: Re: 2223-3329 Proactive release Comm Games Cabinet minute	s 9(2)(a)

Please note some information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;
- 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied;
- 9(2)(d), to avoid prejudice to the substantial economic interests of New Zealand;
- 9(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;
- 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 or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty;

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [OIA@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@mbie.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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