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Tēnā koe Stephen Prendergast

Thank you for your email of 31 October 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*Please supply all communications between MBIE and Calibre partners*

*\* On the option to appoint, as and any additional communications on the subsequent appointment of Calibre partners as Receivers for Ruapehu Alpine Lifts.*

On 28 November 2023, MBIE advised you more time was needed to respond to the request as your request necessitated a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations. You were advised a response would be provided no later than 22 December 2023. Please find MBIE's response below.

On 27 October 2023, and pursuant to a General Security Deed dated 12 April 2007, Brendon Gibson and Neale Jackson of Calibre Partners were appointed as receivers Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (in liquidation/receivership) (RAL). The purpose of placing the company into receivership is to provide time for decisions to be made on the future of RAL, in the interest of ensuring the best lasting outcome for these communities.

Appendix One contains a schedule of the documents that are within scope of your request. Where information is being released to you, copies are enclosed. Please note some information not related to your request has been redacted as "out of scope". In addition 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)(b)(ii), to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;
- 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege;
- 9(2)(i), to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; and
- 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).

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 our decision to extend the time limit. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Pigou', written in a cursive style.

Robert Pigou  
**Deputy Chief Executive and Head of**  
Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit

Appendix One – Schedule of Documents: Communication with Calibre Partners regarding appointment of a receiver for RAL

Date	Type	Title	Decision
30/08/2023	Email	RE: RAL - Recent developments & options	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
30/08/2023	Attachment	Scenario Timelines 30Aug23	Withheld, 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(h), 9(2)(i) and 9(2)(j)
30/08/2023	Email	RE: RAL - Recent developments & options	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
1/09/2023	Email	Re: RAL - Receivership Option note	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
1/09/2023	Email	RE: RAL - Receivership Option note	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
7/09/2023	Email	RE: Additional information on figures for RAL to continue operations until May 2024	Withheld, 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(h)
8/09/2023	Email	RE: RAL - Receivership Option note	Withheld, 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(h), 9(2)(i) and 9(2)(j)
14/09/2023	Email	RE: Update on RAL Cabinet paper and next steps	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
20/09/2023	Email	RE: Wording for ANZ debt purchase	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
21/09/2023	Email	RE: s 9(2)(j) response to latest Cabinet option	Release
22/09/2023	Email	RE: RAL - Liquidators & Creditors Committee - update	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
27/09/2023	Email	RE: Options in RAL Cabinet paper	Release
27/09/2023	Attachment	RAL Mins MR - Receivership (DRAFT)	Release
27/09/2023	Attachment	Receivership Step Plan 27Sept23_DRAFT	Withheld, 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(i) and 9(2)(j)
2/10/2023	Email	[URL SCANNING ERROR] RAL - Appointment Documents	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
2/10/2023	Attachment	Deed of Appointment of Receiver v1	Withheld, 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(h)
10/10/2023	Document	Appointment Of Receivers of Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation)	Withheld, 9(2)(g)(i)
10/10/2023	Email	RE: RAL - Appointment Documents	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
10/10/2023	Email	RE: Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited (In Liquidation) (RAL) - Message from Liquidation Committee	Release
11/10/2023	Email	RAL - Receiver/liquidator arrangements	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
11/10/2023	Attachment	Protocol Letter - Rec and Liq v9	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
16/10/2023	Email	RE: RAL - Appointment Documents	Withheld, 9(2)(h)

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16/10/2023	Attachment	Attachments: Deed of Appointment of Receiver v1	Release
19/10/2023	Email	RAL Progress Update	Release
19/10/2023	Attachment	Receiver & Liquidator Communications DRAFT	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
26/10/2023	Attachment	Receiver & Liquidator Communications DRAFT 26Oct23 V2	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
27/10/2023	Email	RE: RAL Progress Update - Comms approach for today"s receivership announcement	Release
27/10/2023	Attachment	Receiver Liquidator Communications DRAFT 270	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
27/10/2023	Attachment	85b 271023 RAL receivership Grow Regions DRAFT 3 (005) (003)	Release
27/10/2023	Email	RE: RAL Progress Update - Comms approach for today"s receivership announcement	Release
27/10/2023	Email	RAL: Appointment of Receivers	Withheld, 9(2)(h)
27/10/2023	Attachment	Deed of appointment of receivers - Executed	Release
27/10/2023	Attachment	Receivers facility agreement - Executed	Withheld, 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(h)