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Dear Joshua Sims

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2024 requesting information relating proposed job cuts within the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

You requested the following:

I request information regarding the individual roles, working groups, researchers, research teams and other groupings of this nature, if any, that are going to be cut from your relevant Ministry or departmental agency owing to the government's policy of reducing the public service.

Relevant information would include: The roles that may be considered superfluous enough to warrant redundancy and why Any bodies, boards, working groups or researchers/research teams considered superfluous enough to be closed or made redundant and why A brief accompanying description of the duties, roles, scope and cancelled projects of the above mentioned where relevant to the individual or group in question.

The requested information is budget sensitive and is therefore withheld pursuant to section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the OIA - *to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.*

MPI is satisfied that in the circumstances of this case, the withholding of the information is not outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable in the public interest to make the information available.

Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Ministry for Primary Industries at Official.InformationAct@mpi.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143 or at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'BH'.

Brent Healy
Chief Financial Officer