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C. Bennett

By email: fyi-request-28293-c0ae6a51@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear C. Bennett,

# **Official Information Act request**

Thank you for your email of 3 September 2024 in which you requested the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

### WPQ 51493 (2024):

- AM24-0522 Impact on the kiwifruit industry from the Environmental Protection Authority's new controls for hydrogen cyanamide (30 May)
- AM24-0569 Update on Double Export Value Eight-Point Plan (07 June)
- AM24-0475 Gene Technology Regulation Reform: Legislative Purpose and the Regulator (7June)

#### WPQ 49557 (2024):

AM24-0724 2024 Legislation Programme: Reassessment of Priorities (06 August)

#### WPQ 47973 (2024):

- AM24-0604 Meat Export Quota Allocation System (29 July)
- MO24-0393 Advice and talking points for RMA Reform Ministers Group meeting on 31 July 2024 (31 July)

## The following documents are released to you as **Appendix One**:

- Impact of the kiwifruit industry from the Environmental Protection Authority's new controls for hydrogen cyanamide (AM24-0522), dated 30 May 2024
- Gene Technology Regulation Reform: Legislative Purpose and the Regulator (AM24-0475), dated 7 June 2024
- Update of Double Export Value Eight-Point Plan (AM24-0569), dated 7 June 2024
- 2024 Legislation Programme: Reassessment of Priorities (AM24-0724), dated 6 August 2024

Some information is being withheld pursuant to the following sections of the Act:

• Section 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.

 Section 9(2)(g)(i) – 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.

The following documents are withheld in full 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:

- Meat Export Quota Allocation System (AM24-0604), dated 29 July 2024
- Advice and talking points for RMA Reform Ministers Group meeting on 31 July 2024 (MO24-0393), dated 31 July 2024

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found <a href="https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz">www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</a> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Warm regards,

Hon Todd McClay

**Minister of Agriculture**