



15 November 2024

Ref: DOIA - REQ - 0004596

P Robins

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Dear P Robins,

Thank you for your email of 3 October 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*"I request a copy of the briefing with the tracking number 2324-2570."*

As per my letter of 25 October 2024, the due date for response has been extended until 15 November 2024 under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request were such that a proper response could not be made within the original time limit.

Please see below my response to your request.

I have identified one document in scope of your request as detailed in the document table below:

#	Document type	Date	Description /Title	Decision
1	Joint report	31 May 2024	2324-2570 Weather Forecasting System Review – Report Recommendations and Next Steps	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(f)(iv), and 9(2)(h) of the Act
			Annex One: Letters to MetService and NIWA	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
			Annex Two: Weather Forecasting System Review – Final Report	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act

A copy of this joint report is enclosed with this response. Please note that some information in this document is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;

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- Section 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;
- 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)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege.

Annex One to this report is also enclosed with this response. Please note that some information in this document is withheld under the following section of the Act:

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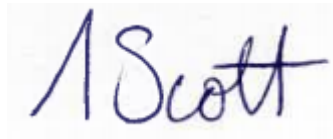
I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

I am refusing Annex Two to this report under section 18(d) of the Act as this information is publicly available on MBIE website: [Weather forecasting system review – Final report](#)

I trust you will find this information useful.

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. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "N Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicola Scott

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