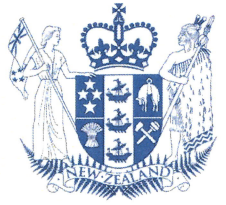


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Ref: JCOIA-258

Dear K Jack

Thank you for your email of 18 December 2024 requesting information about the recently announced changes to the Marsden Fund under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

As the portfolio has recently been transferred between Ministers, I am responding to you on behalf of the new Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology.

This response has been prepared in consultation with the office of the previous Minister of Science, Innovation and Technology.

Please find enclosed with this letter two annexes containing information about the announced changes to the Marsden Fund.

Please find attached the following documents as part of **Annex One**:

#	Date	Description/Title	Withholding grounds
1	17 June 2024	Briefing 2324-3662: Marsden Fund Council: Proposed approach to appointments	9(2)(a)
2	11 July 2024	Briefing 2425-0224: Marsden Fund Administration	9(2)(a) 9(f)(iv) 9(2)(h)
2a		Annex Two: Options to revise and set policy directions for the Marsden Fund	9(2)(h)
3	13 August 2024	Marsden Fund Council Letter to Hon Judith Collins KC	Nil
4	25 September 2024	Briefing 0003110: Revised Terms of Reference – Marsden Fund	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv)
5		Email 0003110 – Revised Terms of Reference – Marsden Fund	9(2)(a)
6	8 October 2024	Email: FW: 0003110 - Revised Terms of Reference - Marsden Fund	9(2)(a)

7	10 October 2024	Email: FW_ 0003110 - Revised Terms of Reference - Marsden Fund	9(2)(a)
8	11 October 2024	Briefing 0005052: Updated Terms of Reference – Marsden Fund	9(2)(a)
9		Email: Briefing 0005052	9(2)(a)
10	22 October 2024	Email: RE: 0003110 - Revised Terms of Reference - Marsden Fund	9(2)(a)
11	28 October 2024	Marsden Fund Council Letter to Hon Judith Collins KC	Nil
12	7 November 2024	Marsden Fund Council Letter to Hon Judith Collins KC	Nil
12a		Annex One: Marsden Fund Investment Plan 2025-2027	Nil
12b		Annex Two: Marsden Fund Assessment Criteria	Nil
13	19 November 2024	Email: RE_ Marsden	9(2)(a)
14	20 November 2024	Briefing: 0006530 Marsden Fund – Updated Terms of Reference and Letter to Council	9(2)(a)
15		Email: BRIEFING-REQ-0006530 - Marsden Fund – Updated Terms of Reference and Letter to Council	9(2)(a)
16		Email: W: BRIEFING-REQ-0006530 - Marsden Fund – Updated Terms of Reference and Letter to Council	9(2)(a)
17	5 December 2024	Email: FW: Requesting update on Marsden communication to the Council	9(2)(a)

Additionally, please find attached copies of correspondence in relation to the Marsden fund changes from the previous Minister's Office enclosed as **Annex Two**.

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)(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; and
- 9(2)(h), to maintain legal professional privilege.

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

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

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

Jonathan Franklin

Senior Ministerial Advisor