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Ref: DOIA 2016/17 0362

17 October 2016

Dear Dr Shaw,

Request for information under the Official Information Act 1982

On 15 September 2016 you made the following request to MBIE, under the Official Information Act (1982):

*“Might you please update the response you gave to me some time ago regarding the research money for the regions, by giving an account of how much money is directed at projects in Taranaki, their objectives, what reports you have on their advancement, and who is responsible for those projects?
A comparative spreadsheet showing the level of funding to other regions for comparison would also be informative.”*

On 21 September, you agreed to narrow the scope of your request to the Regional Research Institutes, in line with your previous request on this programme.

At this time, none of the applications for the RRI programme have been approved for funding, and as we expect announcements about the RRIs in the near future, we decline your request under section 18 (d) of the Act – the information requested will soon be publically available.

Regarding the second part of your request, we do not yet know what the distribution of funds by region will be for the first round of RRIs. We have compiled a table that shows the number of applications that came from each region. Funding will be directed to applications, and will not necessarily be allocated to each region. Multiple regions may benefit from each RRI.



Region	RRI Concept Applications
Bay Of Plenty	3
Canterbury	1
Gisborne	1
Hawke's Bay	3
Manawatu-Wanganui	2
Marlborough	2
Northland	1
Otago	3
Southland	2
Taranaki	1
Waikato	4
West Coast	1
Total	24

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10-152
Wellington 6143

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this response, or if you require further assistance, please contact Ron Clink, Principal Policy Adviser, Science Policy at ron.clink@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

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