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Dear Mr Grainger

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2012 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"...a) a copy of the latest three Cabinet Papers relating to future Environment Canterbury governance

b) if it is not contained in the answer to (a) a confirmation that one of the options contained in the latest Cabinet Paper on ECAN governance is a continued full council of commissioners

c) if it is not contained in the answer to (a) a confirmation that one of the options contained in the latest Cabinet Paper on ECAN governance is a mix of appointed commissioners and elected councillors

d) if it is not contained in the answer to (a) a confirmation that there is not an option explicitly in the latest Cabinet Paper on ECAN governance for a purely elected Regional Council."

There are three Cabinet papers that fall within the scope of your request. These papers address your questions in b) to d). I am refusing your request for information under section 18(d) of the Act, as the three papers above will soon be publicly available on the Department of Internal Affairs' website www.dia.govt.nz.

You have the right to lay a complaint with the Ombudsman, under section 28(3) of the Act, to seek an investigation and review of this decision. The address for contact is: Office of the Ombudsmen, PO Box 10152, Wellington.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Carter
Minister of Local Government