

Hon Dr Megan Woods



MP for Wigram

Minister of Energy and Resources

Minister Responsible for the Earthquake Commission

Minister for Greater Christchurch Regeneration

Minister of Research, Science and Innovation

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Dear Ryan

Thank you for your email of 3 March 2018 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

The ministerial weekly briefings given to you for the past 3 weeks for your relevant ministerial portfolios (Energy and Resources, Greater Christchurch Regeneration, Research, Science and Innovation).

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment provides me with Energy and Resources and Research, Science and Innovation Weekly Reports. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet provides me with Greater Christchurch Regeneration Weekly Reports. I require time upon receiving these reports to deliberate and decide on the advice they contain. Your request, therefore, for weekly reports received between 17 February 2018 and 3 March 2018 (being the three weeks up to the date of your request) is refused under section 18(a) of the Act, as by virtue of section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, there is good reason for withholding the information to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my decision on this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Woods'.

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