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Mr Andrew Joseph  
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Dear Mr Joseph

Thank you for your email of 22 November 2018 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

“I would like to request an unredacted copy of the 2014 Geographical Indications (wine and spirits) Registration Act 2006 cabinet paper.

I would also like to request any advice, briefings or memos prepared for the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Trade, and/or the Minister of Commerce, regarding the implementation of the Geographical Indicators (wine and spirits) Registration Act 2006 since December 2014.”

I am releasing the requested Cabinet Paper and 10 briefings that were provided to the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. By contrast, your request for documents prepared for the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Trade is being processed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Some information contained within the documents I am releasing has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 6(a) – prejudice to the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.
- Section 6(e)(vi) – the entering into of overseas trade agreements.
- Section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information whose release might prejudice a commercial position.

- Section 9(2)(ba) – to protect information whose release might prejudice the supply of similar information.
- Section 9(2)(d) – prejudice to the substantial economic interests of New Zealand.
- Section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions.
- Section 9(2)(h) – to maintain legal professional privilege.
- Section 9(2)(j) – allowing, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

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

I trust you find the information helpful. 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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