

19 October 2022

DOIA22/206

9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

I refer to your request that was transferred from the Office of the Minister for Broadcasting and Media, on 20 September 2022 to Manatū Taonga. This has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

- *BR2022/110 – Strategic Framework for a sustainable media sector*
- *BR2022/108 – Supporting the sustainability of the news media in a digital environment*
- *AM2022/211 – Design Options for Digital Bargaining Framework*
- *AM2021/049 – Meeting with Freeview*

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item Reference	Document Description
AM2021/049	Meeting with Freeview Shareholders
BR2022/110	Strategic Framework for a sustainable media sector

I have decided to release the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- section 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information that would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- section 9(2)(ba)(i) – to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions

Please note that the most up-to-date appendices 1 and 2 of BR2022/110 are on our website and can be accessed through this link: <https://mch.govt.nz/strategic-framework-sustainable-media-system>.

Information being withheld

In relation to BR2022/108 and AM2022/211, I have decided to withhold in full under the following section of the OIA:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA. I do not consider these considerations outweigh the need to withhold the information.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Ministry's website.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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