

9 May 2023

DOIA22/085

s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 12 April 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

- BR23/088 Online News Bill – approval for outstanding policy decisions
- BR23/031 2023 March Baseline Update for Vote Arts, Culture and Heritage
- AM23/051 Briefing to the Incoming Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage
- AM23/052 ACH Status Report (fortnight beginning 13 February 2023)

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

| Item | Date | Document Description |
|------|---------|---|
| 1 | 16/2/23 | BR23/031 2023 March Baseline Update for Vote Arts, Culture and Heritage |
| 2 | 10/2/23 | ACH Status Report (fortnight beginning 13 February 2023) |

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

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

Please note that the infographic on the final two pages of Item 2 is intended as a high-level summary only, and is dependent on available information at the time of the report. Fund-specific figures are not final and should be read with this context in mind. Manatū Taonga is committed to releasing final figures associated with the funds in due course.

Information publicly available

The following information is also covered by your request and is publicly available on the Beehive's website:

| Item | Date | Document Description | Link |
|------|--------|--|---|
| 3 | 3/2/23 | Briefing to the Incoming Associate Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage | https://www.beehive.govt.nz/feature/briefings-incoming-ministers-5 |

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the OIA – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. Some relevant information has been removed from documents listed in the above table and should continue to be withheld under the OIA, on the grounds described in the documents.

Information being withheld

There are additional documents covered by your request that I have decided to withhold in full under the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

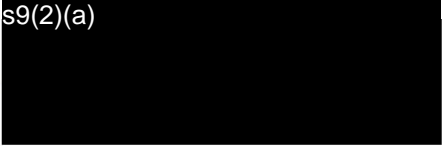
- section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials

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.

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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