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Kia ora,

My office received your partially transferred request on 24 August 2023 and on 20 September 2023 advised that your request was being extended by an additional 10 working days, to allow for necessary consultations. I am now in a position to respond to your request for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) (numbering added for clarity):

1. “[...] the following in relation to the recently announced '\$2Billion renewable energy equity fund' between Blackrock Inn and the NZ Government: Any discussion papers, reports and any other analytical material prepared by or for Govt agencies in relation to the fund.
2. Any agreements, contracts or undertakings signed between the NZ Govt and Blackrock Inc in relation to the fund.”

Please find attached two briefings that fall in scope of your first request. Please note that some information has been withheld from these documents under the following sections of the Act:


- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons;
- 9(2)(b)(ii) to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information;
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials;
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty; and
- 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

In regards to the second part of your request, I am refusing under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

In terms of section 9 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 investigation and review of my decision by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Woods', written in a cursive style.

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