



26 February 2024

Ref: DOIA 2324-1559

T Murray

Email: fyi-request-25538-b63130b5@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe T Murray

Thank you for your email of 26 January 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

- o The date, time and location of your initial meeting with the new Minister for regional resources for your department;*
- o A list of attendees at this meeting*
- o The cost of any flights and accommodation for staff who reside outside of wellington to attend this meeting*
- o Any documentation provided at the meeting*
- o All notes (including handwritten notes) taken at the meeting by department staff;*
- o A copy of any emails sent by department attendees or all staff communications regarding the meeting with the new Minister*

The date for the initial meeting between the Minister and Officials for the Regional Development portfolio was 28 November 2023 at 4.10pm. It was attended by:

Hon Shane Jones	Minister for Regional Development
Ashley Stuart	Private Secretary Regional Development
Carolyn Tremain	Chief Executive, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
Robert Pigou	Deputy Chief Executive and Head of Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit (Kānoa)
Isabel Poulson	General Manager, Strategy, Planning and Performance, Kānoa

There was one document provided during this meeting, which is being withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and Officials. This document contains fiscal updates on the Regional Development portfolio and relates to upcoming decisions.

Prior to the meeting, a Briefing for the incoming Minister for Regional Development (BIM) was provided to Hon Shane Jones. This meeting focused on the BIM, which has been proactively released. You can access the Regional Development BIM here: [Briefing for the incoming Minister for Regional Development](#). MBIE is therefore refusing your request for this document under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

As all staff that attended the meeting reside in Wellington, no flight or accommodation costs were incurred. There were also no handwritten notes taken by MBIE staff during this meeting. MBIE is therefore refusing these parts of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Please find attached a copy of emails sent by staff regarding this meeting:

Date	Type	Document Title
28/11/2023	Email	AGENDA - Regional Development Officials 28.11.2023
28/11/2023	Email	AGENDA - Regional Development Officials 28.11.2023
28/11/2023	Attachment	AGENDA – Regional Development Officials 28.11.2023

Please note some information within these emails has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons;
- 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.

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

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



Tane Dewes

Manager Operations Support and Improvements

Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit

From: [Shaun Brown](#)
To: [Isabel Poulson](#)
Subject: AGENDA - Regional Development Officials 28.11.2023 [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, 28 November 2023 12:37:32 pm
Attachments: [AGENDA - Regional Development Officials 28.11.2023.docx](#)

Hi Isabel,

See attached the agenda for the meeting this afternoon. Let me know if this is okay to share with Ash and Robert or if you would like changes.

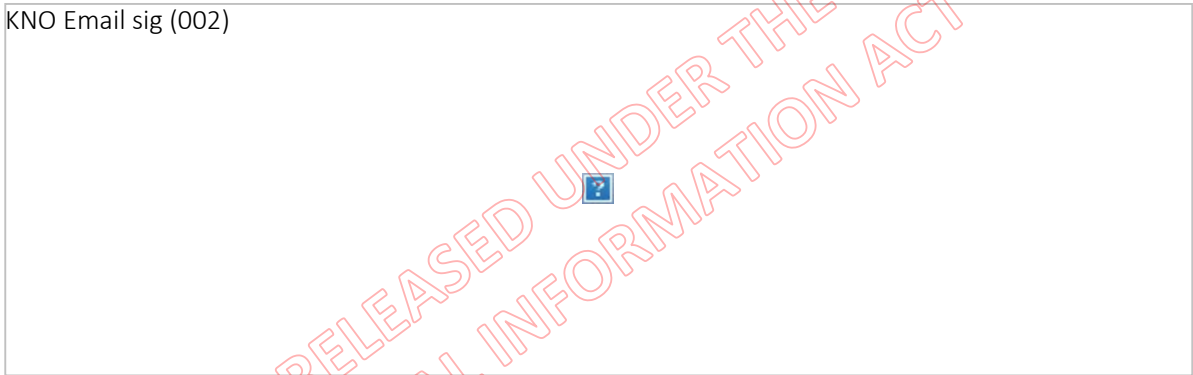
Ngā mihi,

Shaun Brown

SENIOR ADVISOR TO ROBERT PIGOUE, DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE and
HEAD OF KĀNOA - REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INVESTMENT UNIT

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From: [Shaun Brown](#)
To: [Ashley Stuart \(Parliament\)](#)
Subject: AGENDA - Regional Development Officials 28.11.2023 [IN-CONFERENCE]
Date: Tuesday, 28 November 2023 3:56:28 pm
Attachments: [AGENDA - Regional Development Officials 28.11.2023.docx](#)

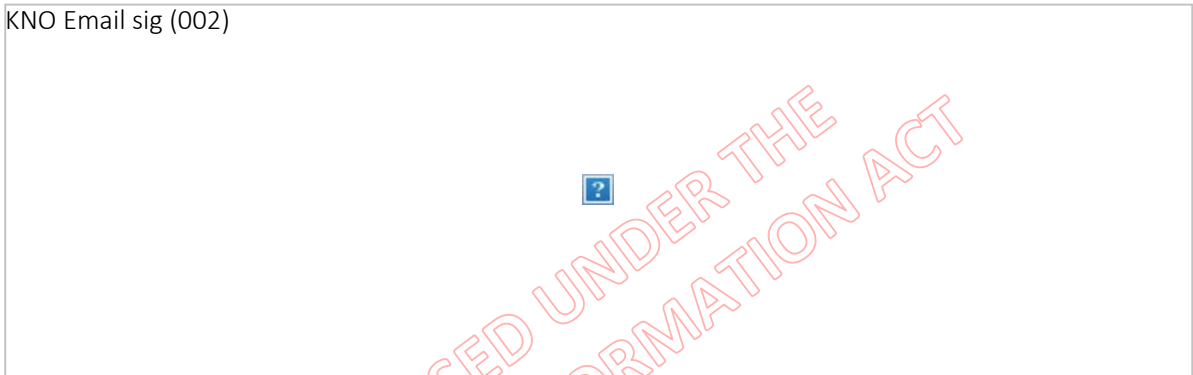
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AGENDA

Regional Development officials' meeting

Tuesday 28 November
4.10pm – 5.00pm
Room 6.4

ATTENDEES

Hon Shane Jones	Minister for Regional Development
Ashley Stuart	Private Secretary Regional Development
Carolyn Tremain	Chief Executive, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
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AGENDA ITEMS

Item	Subject	Lead official/s	Time
Current portfolio matters needing early consideration			
1.	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Robert Pigou	10 minutes
2.	Ruapehu Alpine Lifts Limited	Robert Pigou	10 minutes
3.	North Island Weather Events Primary Producer Finance Scheme	Robert Pigou	5 minutes
4.	Crown Regional Holdings Limited Board Meeting	Robert Pigou	5 minutes
Future looking portfolio matters for early consideration			
5.	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Robert Pigou	10 minutes
6.	s 9(2)(f)(iv)	Robert Pigou	5 minutes
7.	Other Business	All	5 minutes