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Dear Barry Brill

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 25 November 2019.
You requested:

The MBIE has announced an investment of \$26 million in a satellite to detect methane emissions, in a joint venture with the Environmental Defence Society of the USA. Please provide a copy of any cabinet papers in support of this investment, including the treasury Report.

On 25 November, you clarified the request to include the Cabinet Paper briefings. In accordance with section 15(1AA) of the Official Information Act, your request is deemed to have been received by the Treasury on 25 November 2019 i.e the date your scope of the request was confirmed.

Information being released

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Item	Date	Document Description	Decision
1.	19 July 2019	Briefing for Cabinet Economic Development Committee	Release relevant part

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

- names of junior staff, under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions, and
- direct dial phone numbers of officials, under section 9(2)(k) – to prevent the disclosure of information for improper gain or improper advantage

Direct dial phone numbers of officials have been redacted under section 9(2)(k) in order to reduce the possibility of staff being exposed to phishing and other scams. This

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is because information released under the OIA may end up in the public domain, for example, on websites including Treasury's website.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely



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