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Dear Brendan

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your email of 1 January 2014 in which you request copies of the "Assessment of Environmental Effects prepared by DOC in July for UNESCO, pertaining to the Fiordland Monorail (link Experience)".

I regret that I am not able to provide you with the information you seek at this stage. In my view, because the Minister is still considering the application and papers, good reason exists under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act to withhold them.

I do not see that my reason for withholding the information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available. I have considered section 18B of the Official Information Act but concluded that use of this provision would not assist in this case.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Yours sincerely

Doris Johnston

Deputy Director-General

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