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Tēnā koe Mr Brocherie

I refer to your email on 1 July 2021 to the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following:

- The plan of action released in March to combat Modern Slavery included a \$50 million budget and a pledge to look at new laws. What discussions have there been surrounding the introduction of such an act and if there has been a draft of such a bill, can that be included in this document?

You will find the following document/s attached:

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Document Title</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Grounds for withholding information under the OIA</b>
1.	12 November 2020	2021-1137 Preventing Worker Exploitation and Modern Slavery	Release in part	Section 9(2)(a) Section 9(2)(f)(iv)
2.	4 March 2021	2021-1964 Addressing modern slavery in international supply chains	Release in part.	Section 6(a) Section 9(2)(a) Section 9(2)(f)(iv) Section 9(2)(g)(i)
3.	14 April 2021	2021-3010 Addressing Modern Slavery in Supply Chains: Stakeholder Engagement and Scope	Release in part.	Section 9(2)(a) Section 9(2)(f)(iv) Section 9(2)(g)(i)

I have provided you with copies of these documents, except where the public interest in that information is outweighed by concerns about the release of that information.

Information has been withheld under the following grounds of the Act:

- Section 6(a) – to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- Section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- Section 9(2)(a) – to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials

- Section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions to Ministers of the Crown

Your request for a draft bill has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act, on the grounds that the document you have requested does not exist.

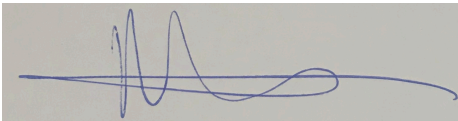
You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman. The Ombudsman has an online complaints form at:

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