

28 April 2025

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 20 March 2025, in which you asked for:

*Under the OIA, can I please request the release of the following briefings.*

- 25-M-8 International Visitor Levy Ministers Meeting - 10 February 2025 - 07 February 2025
- 25-M-13 Milford Opportunities Project - 14 February 2025
- 25-B-38 Whanganui Land Settlement: Final cultural redress matters - 17 February 2025
- 25-B-58 Conservation board appointments 2025 – all nominations received - 21 February 2025
- 25-B-4 Vote Conservation 2025 March Baseline Update - 17 February 2025
- 25-B-50 Monthly reporting on active International Visitor and Conservation Levy projects - 18 February 2025
- 25-B-55 Online regional iwi leaders hui - 25 February 2025
- 25-B-69 Biodiversity Investment Approach - Update - 27 February 2025
- 25-B-12 Meeting with Minister Seymour - 27 January 2025
- 25-B-9 Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 delegations - 24 January 2025
- 25-B-15 New Zealand Conservation Authority appointments 2025 – statutory vacancies - 24 January 2025
- 24-B-637 Government Appointments to be made in 2025 - MOC - 22 January 2025

On 26 March 2025 we advised you that 25-B-38 Whanganui Land Settlement: Final cultural redress matters dated 17 February 2025 was transferred to Te Tari Whakatau (previously Te Arawhiti) for response, as that agency are better placed to respond to that part of your request.

We have considered the remainder of your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

We have identified the briefings you requested, along with any associated attachments. These are outlined in the document schedule below.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed in the document schedule, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the OIA, as applicable:

- personal information, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people,
- advice still under consideration, section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the current constitutional conventions protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers and officials,
- free and frank expression under section 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs,
- confidential information, under section 9(2)(j) – to enable the Crown to negotiate without disadvantage or prejudice.

The following briefings and any associated attachments have been withheld in full:

- *25-B-0012 – Briefing – Meeting with Minister Seymour – 27 January 2025* under s18(a) by virtue of s9(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(j)
- *25-M-008 – International Visitor Levy Ministers Meeting – 10 February 2025* under s18(a) by virtue of s9(2)(f)(iv)
- *25-M-0013 – Meeting memo Milford Opportunities – 14 February 2025* under s18(a) by virtue of s9(2)(f)(iv)

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the OIA and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

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 OIA.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on DOC's website.

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact Andrew Martin by email to [amartin@doc.govt.nz](mailto:amartin@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

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Director Governance and Government Services  
Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

## Document schedule

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1.	22 Jan 2025	24-B-0637 – Briefing - Government Appointments to be made in 2025 – MOC	Released in part - s9(2)(a)
1a.		24-B-0637 – Attachment A	Released in part - s9(2)(a)
2.	24 Jan 2025	25-B-0009 – Briefing - Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 delegations	Released in part - s9(2)(a)
2a.		25-B-0009 – Attachment A	Released in full
3.	24 Jan 2025	25-B-0015 – Briefing - NZ Conservation Authority appointments 2025 – statutory vacancies	Released in part - s9(2)(a)
3a.		25-B-0015 – Attachment A	Released in part - s9(2)(a)
4.	17 Feb 2025	25-B-0004 – Briefing - Vote Conservation 2025 March Baseline Update	Released in part - s9(2)(f)(iv)
4a.		25-B-0004 – Attachment A	Released in full
4b.		25-B-0004 – Attachment B	Released in full
5.	18 Feb 2025	25-B-0050 – Memo - February 2025 IVL project reporting	Released in part - s9(2)(a)
5a.		25-B-0050 – Attachment A	Released in part - s9(2)(g)(i)
6.	21 Feb 2025	25-B-0058 – Briefing - Conservation board appointments 2025 – all nominations received	Released in part - s9(2)(a)
6a.		25-B-0058 – Attachment A	Withheld in full - s9(2)(a)
7.	25 Feb 2025	25-B-0055 – Online regional iwi leaders hui	Released in part - s(9)(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(j), s9(2)(a)
7a.		25-B-0055 – Attachment A	Released in full
7b.		25-B-0055 – Attachment B	Released in part - s(9)(2)(f)(iv), s9(2)(j)
8.	27 Feb 2025	25-B-0069 – Briefing - Biodiversity Investment Approach – Update memo	Released in part - s9(2)(a)
8a.		25-B-0069 – Attachment A	Released in part - s9(2)(g)(i)