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Dear Redacted - Privacy

Thank you for refining your request on 12 April 2018 with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

"Please provide me with:

1. All documentation prepared for Ministers, the Cabinet, or the Independent Advisory Panel in relation to all approved projects under the Provincial Growth Fund
2. All internal MBIE emails in relation to the approval of the 'waste-to-energy plant' in the Buller District and the 'Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage and Education Centre' in Hokianga projects since the Provincial Growth Fund was announced by the Government."

I attach the following documents that fall within the scope of your request:

Date	Document type	Title
15 December 2017	Briefing	1570 17-18 Te Hā 169 Sestercentennial Commemorations – Approval for Funding
4 January 2018	Briefing	1625 17-18 Regional Growth Initiatives (MYA): Tōtara Industry Pilot
12 January 2018	Briefing	1545 17-18 Regional Growth Initiatives – Hihiaua Cultural Centre
30 January 2018	Email	Email 1: Urgent Action by COP 31/01: Information on the Manea Footprints [IN-CONFIDENCE]
30 January 2018	Email	Email 2: Urgent Action by COP 31/01: Information on the Waste to Energy [IN-CONFIDENCE]
8 February 2018	Briefing	1580 17-18 Regional Growth Initiatives (MYA): Manea Footprints of Kupe Cultural Heritage and Education Centre
9 February 2018	Briefing	2037 17-18 Recommendations for funding from the Regional Growth Initiative Fund and Provincial Growth Fund In addition, one page assessments for: Whanganui Port Revitalisation Project – Stage 1c Geotechnical assessment Te Hononga - Kawakawa Hundertwasser Park Centre
2 March 2018	Briefing	1984 17-18 Taranaki Economic Action Plan – Proposals for Consideration
27 March 2018	Briefing	2612 17-18 Taranaki Crossing Experience

Proactively released consistent with the Official Information Act

Please note that information responses to both Email 1 and 2 are incorporated in relevant briefings. An internal review of the Waste to Energy project has also been released by MBIE, and you can access the review here: [Processes to be strengthened](#). No projects have been approved by the Independent Advisory Panel during the period of your request, and therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act.

Some information in the documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- *9(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons*
- *9(2)(b)(ii) protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information*
- *9(2)(ba)(i) protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied*
- *9(2)(g)(i) maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty*
- *9(2)(f)(iv) maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials*
- *9(2)(g)(i) maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty*
- *9(2)(j) enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)*
- *18(d) that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.*

I have not identified a public interest sufficient to override my reasons for withholding parts of the released documents.

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.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact me at Stephanie.Weller@mbie.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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