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Reference: OIA-2023/24-0896

Dear

Official Information Act request relating to NEMA performance plans and briefings on impacts to service delivery

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 27 May 2024. You requested:

"1. Would you please provide me with all performance plans for NEMA since end of November 2023?2. Would you also please provide me with any briefings on impacts to service delivery from NEMA in the same time frame?"

I have interpreted your request to cover the period 27 November 2023 to 27 May 2024, and the reference to briefings to formal briefings. Regarding Part 1 of your request, there are no documents within scope of your request. Accordingly, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the requested documents do not exist.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is a departmental agency hosted by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). NEMA contributes to the DPMC's document *Strategic Intentions Ngā Takunetanga Rautaki 2023/24 to 2026/27.* This document considers, along with other matters, performance objectives of NEMA. This document can be accessed on DPMC's website here:

https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2023-02/dpmc-strategic-intentions-2023-24-to-2026-27.pdf

Regarding Part 2 of your request, there is one document within scope: *Portfolio priorities and savings proposals* dated 19 January 2024. I am withholding in full this document under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act - to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion.

In making my decision, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act I have considered whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the need to withhold the information, and I have concluded that it does not.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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