

21 August 2024

s9(2)(a)

By email: s9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s9(2)(a),

Thank you for your request, received on 8 August 2024, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) for the following information:

1. *“Any briefings your organisation provided to the Energy Minister and/or his office on the market structure of the electricity market in the 2024 calendar year to date.”*
2. *Any briefings your organisation provided to the Energy Minister in late July/early August about high energy prices.*
3. *Any briefings your organisation provided to the Energy Minister regarding the cost and viability of importing liquid natural gas in July and August.”*

The Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko (Authority) has interpreted your request as for written briefings. Please note the Authority also meets regularly with the Minister for Energy to discuss the matters in the written briefings.

#### Request 1

The Authority has identified one document within the scope of your request. This is available on our website: [Fortnightly report - 15 February 2024.pdf \(ea.govt.nz\)](#). Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(d) as the information you have requested is publicly available.

#### Request 2

The Authority has interpreted “late July/early August” as between 22 July 2024 and 8 August 2024. The Authority has identified three documents within the scope of your request. These are Security of supply reports and will be published on our website: [Security of supply reports | Electricity Authority \(ea.govt.nz\)](#). Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(d) as the information you have requested will soon be publicly available.

#### Request 3

The Authority did not provide the Minister for Energy with any Ministerial briefings within scope of this request. Therefore, your request is declined under section 18(e) as the information you have requested does not exist.

The Authority periodically publishes a list of briefings, fortnightly reports and security of supply reports for the Minister for Energy, on [our website](#).

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us by emailing [oia@ea.govt.nz](mailto:oia@ea.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Airihi Mahuika', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Airihi Mahuika  
**GM Legal, Monitoring and Compliance**