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From: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Sent: Friday, 16 March 2018 3:52 p.m.
To: James Stevenson-Wallace
Subject: Minister's meeting Monday
Attachments: 1. Energy Resources Weekly Report - Monday 19 March 2018 - Final.pdf
See attachment for information in scope.

Out of Scope

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Energy and Resources Weekly Report

To Hon Dr Megan Woods
Minister of Energy and Resources

Week beginning Monday 19 March 2018



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Energy and Resources
Weekly Officials' Meeting Agenda
3:50pm – 4:50pm Monday 19 March 2018

Item	Subject	Person	Oral Item Paper	Action Required (Decision / Inform / Noting / Discussion)
1.	Block Offer	James Stevenson- Wallace	BO#2450 17-18	Discussion
2.	Out of Scope			
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
7.				

Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment officials attending:

James Stevenson-Wallace, General Manager, Energy and Resource Markets
Tim Townsend, Acting Manager, Sector Development Policy
David Darby, Manager, Commercial Analysis & Investment
Ilana Miller, National Manager, Minerals
Andrew Hume, Manager, Energy Markets Policy
s 9(2)(a) Principal Production Geologist, Petroleum
Marcos Pelenur, Manager, Resource Markets Policy
s 9(2)(a) Principal Policy Advisor, Energy Market Policy
Brad Ward, Acting DCE, Building, Resource and Markets



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Action points from last Officials' Meeting

Item	Actions	Status
Out of Scope		
Block Offer	MBIE to progress a draft Cabinet paper assuming that either option 3 or 4 will be progressed. MO to provide updated wording for the paper.	Completed
Out of Scope		



Priority Projects

Item	Actions	Status
Out of Scope		



1. Managing the Estate

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2. Policy Developments

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3. Regulatory Reform & Implementation and Operational Matters

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4. Stakeholder Issues

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**Petroleum & Minerals Applications decided FROM THURSDAY, 8 MARCH 2018 TO
WEDNESDAY, 14 MARCH 2018**

Permit activity	Permit Number	Permit Type	Client	Location	Decision	Comment
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Upcoming Meetings, Events and Announcements

Upcoming meetings:

Meeting with / Purpose	Time
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Upcoming speeches & communications

Event or announcement	Activity	Date	Speech / media release due	MBIE Contact

Upcoming Cabinet Papers and Briefings

Upcoming Cabinet Papers				
Title of paper	Comment	Provided by	To be considered	Contact
Out of Scope				

Upcoming Briefings, Aide Memoires and Reports			
Subject	Comment	Due date	Contact
NZ Petroleum Conference Event briefing	To provide background information on the NZ Petroleum Conference event and content for the Ministers draft speech, including supporting facts.	Monday, 19 March 2018	s 9(2)(a)
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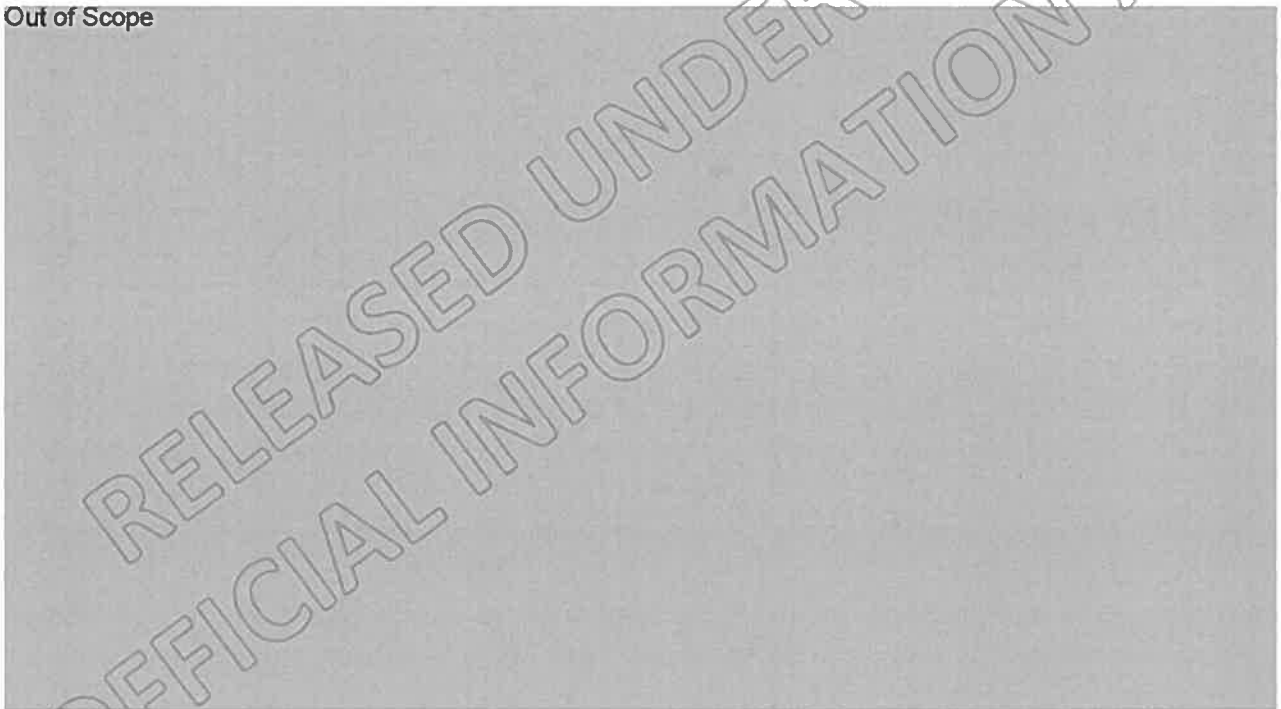


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OIA Requests

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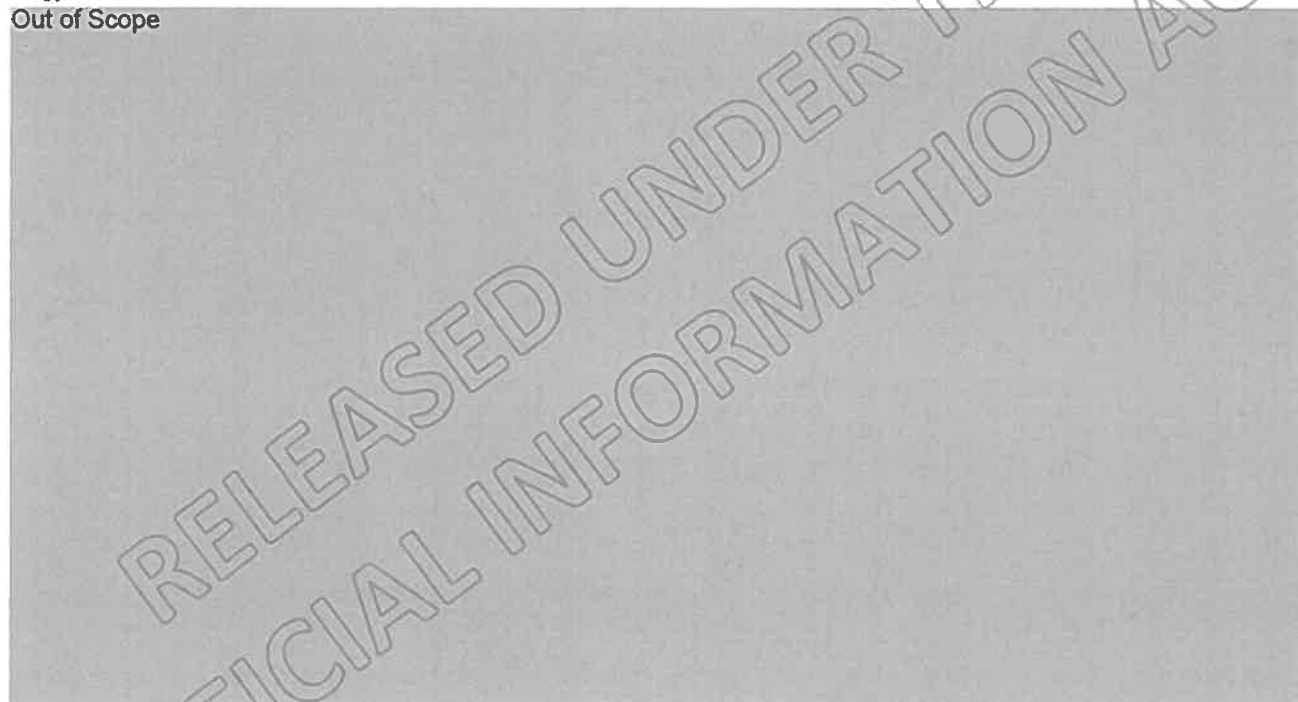




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From: Marcos Pelenur
Sent: Friday, 16 March 2018 5:01 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament); s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: 2450 17-18: Block Offer 2018 - Proposed blocks for consultation - Updated 16.03.2018 [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Thanks

Great job s 9(2)(a) with this and s 9(2)(a) on surviving a crazy week. s 9(2)(a) owes you a drink

Cheers
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Sent: Friday, 16 March 2018 4:47 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz>; Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>; s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: 2450 17-18: Block Offer 2018 - Proposed blocks for consultation - Updated 16.03.2018 [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Thanks team, these look good, I just added them into the Minister's weekend bag.

s 9(2)(a) feels comfortable that the additional paragraphs address the Minister's concern around this issue, but there may be a couple of minor wording changes requested next week, and I expect that the Minister will want to discuss it on Monday.

Have a good weekend!

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Subject: 2450 17-18: Block Offer 2018 - Proposed blocks for consultation - Updated 16.03.2018 [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Please just find attached a copy the updated Block Offer briefing and Cabinet paper – 2450 17-18: Block Offer 2018 –Proposed blocks for consultation.

If you require hardcopies as well, just let me know.

If you require anything else, just let me know.

Regards

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PA/Team Administrator For Ilana Miller, National Manager Minerals
PA/Team Administrator for Marcos Pelenur, Manager Resource Markets Policy

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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 19 March 2018 10:29 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) Parliament; s 9(2)(a) Josh Adams
Subject: RE: Comms for block offer [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Morning s 9(2)(a)

s 9(2)(a) will respond with an overview of the 2017 Block Offer plan separately.

For clarity – are you asking for a detailed communication plan for the 2017 Block Offer by COP today? or a detailed plan for 2018?

The concern is we are unable to develop a detailed plan for this year without knowing what 2018 Block Offer looks like.

I tried calling earlier but went to voice mail.

Regards,
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From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 19 March 2018 9:54 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) Josh Adams
Subject: Comms for block offer

Hi all,

s 9(2)(a) has asked if we can provide a quick overview of the comms plan for Block Offer?

Please could you send over a list of who the main stakeholders are and a copy (or an overview) of the 2017 comms plan?

Please could you provide a rough outline by 10.45am? Or call me. And then provide a detailed plan by COP today?

Cheers
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From: Marcos Pelenur
Sent: Monday, 19 March 2018 6:51 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Subject: Re: Block offer process summary MO.docx [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Cheers - thanks for the feedback!

Sent from my iPhone

On 19/03/2018, at 6:40 PM, s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz wrote:

Hi team – just passing on a big thanks from the Minister for pulling this together so quickly, much appreciated.

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Subject: Block offer process summary MO.docx [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Attached is the request summary of the Block Offer process.

Because of the timeline, we haven't done a QA check – can you do this if you have time?

Any questions just let us know.

Cheers,
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To: Andrew Hume; David Darby; Ilana Miller; Josh Adams; Marcos Pelenur; Tim Townsend
Cc: James Stevenson-Wallace; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Actions from Officials meeting 19 March

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Here are the action points from today, please let me know if you have anything different:

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To: s 9(2)(a) Marcos Pelenur
Subject: MO question

Importance: High

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To: David Darby; s 9(2)(a) Marcos Pelenur
Subject: Other countries and oil exploration

Morning all,

The office has asked:

- What other countries have taken steps to limit oil exploration?

Please could we get a high level summary by 2pm? A word doc/memo is fine.

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To: Marcos Pelenur; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: BO paras

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Hi s 9(2)(a)

The office is after a list of countries (any countries) that have implemented action against primarily oil/gas exploration and what that action was. s 9(2)(a) provided France and Ireland as examples.

Please could the above be prioritised, if you have time then supplementary information – as you've suggested below – would be appreciated but not essential

Thanks

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Hi s 9(2)(a)

To clarify the request:

1. is 'oil exploration' intended as a catch all to include all hydrocarbon? (oil, gas, condensate etc) or does the office just want information regarding oil?
2. is the office interested in information from our peer group – i.e. focus on OECD member countries? or are all countries to be included?
3. Is the office interested in information regarding the significance of the ban – i.e. domestic production levels prior to a ban being put in place?

Please be aware that while we have access to a number of resources we don't already have this information collated.

Any guidance is greatly appreciated,
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Principal Resource Analysis Advisor

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s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Para 9 refers to how the legislation is interpreted by the Minister in the Petroleum Programme. The Petroleum Programme stipulates in clause 7.2 that all PEPs (Petroleum Exploration Permits) will be allocated competitively by way of Petroleum Exploration Permit Rounds (also referred to as Block Offers).

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Hi s 9(2)(a)

Cash bonus bidding is an alternative to staged work programme bidding (which was branded Block Offer). They are both competitive tender processes but the staged work programme bidding is the only one we have used to date. Technically, cash bonus bidding is an 'out of round' type of block offer, but it could be argued that if the process branded "Block Offer" is put on hold, we would have an alternative means (which may still include staged work programme bidding). This system is used globally and referred to as "Priority in Time".

I have to say that there are some mixed interpretations of all of this and if you want a firm legally robust view then we should perhaps get a proper legal opinion.

Regards Please note that a full description of Cash Bonus Bidding can be found at 7.2 of the Minerals Programme for Petroleum.

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Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 9:28 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a) Marcos Pelenur, Josh Adams
Subject: RE: MO question [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks.

To confirm, cash-to-bonus bidding is an alternative instrument to Block Offer, that we don't use?

Hypothetically, if the block offer process was put on hold, is there any alternative mechanism through which someone could be granted an exploration permit?

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Subject: RE: MO question [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

We have three types of permit according to the Crown Minerals Act; Petroleum Prospecting Permits (PPP's), Petroleum Exploration Permits (PEP's) and Petroleum Mining Permits (PMP's).

PEP's are allocated competitively by way of Petroleum Exploration Permit Rounds. This can be either by:

- a) Staged work programme bidding (Block Offer) or,
- b) Cash Bonus bidding

Staged work programme bidding (Block Offer) will be used under most circumstances and there have been no PEP's allocated outside of this process since 2012.

Regards

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From: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 11:41 a.m.
To: Andrew Hume; Marcos Pelenur
Cc: Tim Townsend; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Media question [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi all,

Please could we get a firm answer on this ASAP?

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Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 9:53 AM
To: Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>
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Subject: Re: Media question [UNCLASSIFIED]

I believe emissions from the combustion of oil and gas are accounted for in the country they are consumed (eg accounted for as transport and energy sector emissions). Interestingly (s 9(2)(g)(i)) unlike Ag sector emissions where the producer pays

s 9(2)(a) can one of you please address this question?

Sent from my iPhone

On 19/03/2018, at 9:23 PM, Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s 9(2)(a)

I'm also pretty sure the answer is no, but I think this one is actually for Andy.

We'll come back to you by COP Tuesday

All the best
Marcos

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Subject: Media question

Hi Marcos/Tim

Unsure who's best for this, we've had the below media question, I think the answer is no but I'd like to check with you both - please could we get a response by COP tomorrow? Might be best answered by MfE?

- Do the ETS and/or Paris Accord cover emission from fuel that is extracted in NZ and is exported overseas?

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To: Marcos Pelenur; Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Question from the PM

Question from the PM: Please can we get a few lines on the Block offer process and if it is the primary one available?
I'll try to send more context if available – it was from a quote she said this morning

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Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 12:01 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Cc: s 9(2)(a) Josh Adams
Subject: RE: MO question [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Just to be clear – just because “cash bonus bidding” is technically available to use, doesn’t mean we use it if Block Offer put on hold

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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 11:13 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament) s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz>; Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>; Josh Adams <Josh.Adams@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: MO question [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Cash bonus bidding is an alternative to staged work programme bidding (which was branded Block Offer). They are both competitive tender processes but the staged work programme bidding is the only one we have used to date. Technically, cash bonus bidding is an ‘out of round’ type of block offer, but it could be argued that if the process branded “Block Offer” is put on hold, we would have an alternative means (which may still include staged work programme bidding). This system is used globally and referred to as “Priority in Time”.

I have to say that there are some mixed interpretations of all of this and if you want a firm legally robust view then we should perhaps get a proper legal opinion.

Regards Please note that a full description of Cash Bonus Bidding can be found at 7.2 of the Minerals Programme for Petroleum.

s 9(2)(a)

From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 9:28 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: s 9(2)(a) Marcos Pelenur; Josh Adams
Subject: RE: MO question [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks.

To confirm, cash-to-bonus bidding is an alternative instrument to Block Offer, that we don’t use?

Hypothetically, if the block offer process was put on hold, is there any alternative mechanism through which someone could be granted an exploration permit?

From: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 9:09 AM
To: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz>; Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>; Josh Adams

<Josh.Adams@mbie.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: MO question [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

We have three types of permit according to the Crown Minerals Act; Petroleum Prospecting Permits (PPP's), Petroleum Exploration Permits (PEP's) and Petroleum Mining Permits (PMP's).

PEP's are allocated competitively by way of Petroleum Exploration Permit Rounds. This can be either by:

- a) Staged work programme bidding (Block Offer) or,
- b) Cash Bonus bidding

Staged work programme bidding (Block Offer) will be used under most circumstances and there have been no PEP's allocated outside of this process since 2012.

Regards

s 9(2)(a)

From: s 9(2)(a)

Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 8:38 a.m.

To: s 9(2)(a)

Cc: Josh Adams

Subject: FW: MO question [UNCLASSIFIED]

Importance: High

From: s 9(2)(a)

@parliament.govt.nz]

Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 8:15 a.m.

To: s 9(2)(a) Marcos Pelenur

Subject: MO question

Importance: High

Hello,

Please could we get an answer to this ASAP; outside of Block offer (i.e. for example section 23), how many applications for exploration permits have been made since 2012? And how many have been granted, if any?

Cheers

s 9(2)(a)

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From: Marcos Pelenur
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 12:48 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Cc: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Re: Consents and jobs question [UNCLASSIFIED]

The 11000 figure is PEPANZ number which is broader and includes petrochemical related jobs (so wider than oil and gas) technically

The updated 2016 figures are not economy wide, they were mostly centred around certain trades such as engineering. Also the report is not released publically and shared with us in confidence. The 2014 figure is from a public report.

Hope that helps...
M

Sent from my iPhone

On 20/03/2018, at 12:42 PM, s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz wrote:

Please could we get this Venture Capital figure anyway and attach the report?

There has been another quote in the media of 11,000 jobs – does anyone know where this came from and if its valid?

From: Marcos Pelenur [mailto:Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 12:34 PM
To: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Cc: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz; s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz; s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz
Subject: Re: Consents and jobs question [UNCLASSIFIED]

Venture Taranaki has an updated report but it was very micro so where we got to is that 2014 figures still most valid

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On 20/03/2018, at 12:31 PM, s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz wrote:

Any chance we can get more recent figures? Marcos, you mentioned 2016 figures?

From: Marcos Pelenur [mailto:Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 12:30 PM
To: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz; s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Cc: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz; s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz
Subject: RE: Consents and jobs question [UNCLASSIFIED]

The FTE figures are venture Taranaki numbers, not PEPANZ. We use these

M

From: s 9(2)(a)
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Cc: Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>; s 9(2)(a)
s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz; s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz
Subject: RE: Consents and jobs question [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

The latest expiry date for permits in the Taranaki region is 2050. Details are:

52278	Mining Permit	Contact Energy Limited(100%)	Onshore	10.536	SQKM
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Note that this is currently a storage facility, rather than a producing one. This is currently undergoing a transfer to a different operator.

Latest info on numbers employed is:

	Taranaki:	New Zealand:
Numbers employed ⁽¹⁾ (FTEs) (2014)	Direct: 3,936 FTEs	Direct: 4,653 FTEs
	Direct, Indirect and Induced: 5,941 FTEs	Direct, Indirect and Induced: 8,481 FTEs

Cheers,
s 9(2)(a)

From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 12:14 p.m.
To: Marcos Pelenur; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Consents and jobs question

When is the end date for consents of oil and gas operators in the Taranaki region?
E.g. when does the final one that's currently issued end?

Do we have the updated job figure for the Taranaki region? (apologies if this in the doc just sent over)

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^[1] Taken from a 2014 study done by Martin Jenkins (<https://www.martinjenkins.co.nz/assets/Home/The-wealth-beneath-our-feet-next-steps.pdf>). Due to the oil and gas downturn since 2014 these numbers are likely to be an overestimate compared to current figures (but are the most recent available).

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From: Marcos Pelenur
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 1:48 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Cc: s 9(2)(a) Josh Adams
Subject: Re: Fracking [UNCLASSIFIED]

Most of the PCE Recs actioned on already. The onshore financial assurance project is one of the last recs

M

Sent from my iPhone

On 20/03/2018, at 1:44 PM, s 9(2)(a) <s 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz> wrote

PCE recs – are these being currently looked at? Or was that previous govt?

From: s 9(2)(a) <s 9(2)(a)@mbie.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 1:43 PM
To: s 9(2)(a) <s 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>; Josh Adams <Josh.Adams@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Fracking [UNCLASSIFIED]

The s 9(2)(b)(ii) well was fracked yesterday. This well was originally drilled in s 9(2)(b)(ii) and is being "stimulated" to access sand packages not intersected by the wellbore.

Regards,

From: s 9(2)(a) <s 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 1:38 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: Marcos Pelenur; Josh Adams
Subject: RE: Fracking [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

When was the last one fracked?

From: s 9(2)(a) <s 9(2)(a)@mbie.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 1:26 PM
To: s 9(2)(a) <s 9(2)(a)@parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>; Josh Adams <Josh.Adams@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Fracking [UNCLASSIFIED]

s 9(2)(a)

Please see below for key messages regarding hydraulic fracturing.

For context – there are about 1,000 onshore wells – of which about 60 are known to have been "fracked".

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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 1:23 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: Fracking

ERM Key messages Fracking – March 2017

<http://mako.wd.govt.nz/otcs/llisapi.dll?func=ll&objaction=overview&objid=75391063>

Fracking/Aquifers

- Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) is a way of improving the extraction of oil or gas by injecting water, proppant (sand or ceramic beads) and a very small proportion of chemicals into the well at high pressure. This creates cracks in the rock. The proppant keeps the cracks open, creating channels the oil or gas can travel through to the well.
- An important factor in managing environmental risks is the design and construction of the well.
- Hydraulic fracturing only occurs after the geology of the area has been evaluated by experts and found suitable and it meets resource consent conditions.
- The risk of contaminating an aquifer during the process of hydraulic fracturing is low.
- In New Zealand, when a well is drilled it is lined with a steel casing, which is held in place with cement. In the shallower section of a well, where it may pass through an aquifer, multiple layers of steel and cement are generally used.
- Systems on the surface which manage pressure in the well during extraction also help ensure the potential for unplanned leaks are kept to a minimum.
- Since the late 1980's around 60 wells have been fracked in New Zealand, in most cases to improve the flow of gas from sandstone reservoirs in Taranaki.
- The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment did not find fundamental flaws with the regulatory regime around hydraulic fracturing (fracking) in New Zealand, but has made six recommendations where improvements could be made. The Government is currently considering those recommendations.
- In New Zealand the proximity of any petroleum activity to homes, amongst other environmental effects (ie. noise, flaring), is considered by local councils as part of the Resource Consent process – which can include input from the wider public.

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From: Marcos Pelenur
Sent: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 10:43 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament); James Stevenson-Wallace; Andrew Hume; David Darby; Ilana Miller; Josh Adams; Tim Townsend
Subject: RE: Oral PQ for PM [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks – message received.

M

From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 10:42 a.m.
To: James Stevenson-Wallace <James.Stevenson-Wallace@mbie.govt.nz>; Andrew Hume <Andrew.Hume@mbie.govt.nz>; David Darby <David.Darby@mbie.govt.nz>; Ilana Miller <Ilana.Miller@mbie.govt.nz>; Josh Adams <Josh.Adams@mbie.govt.nz>; Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>; Tim Townsend <Tim.Townsend@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: Oral PQ for PM
Importance: High

Hello,

Although we don't have a direct oral question, the Prime Minister has a question regarding: Does she stand by her reported statement when personally receiving a petition from Greenpeace on Monday to end oil and gas exploration that the Government was 'actively considering' the issue?

Please be on standby should we receive any requests for info from the PMO.

Thanks,
s 9(2)(a)

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From: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Sent: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 11:58 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) Marcos Pelenur; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Memo background on Block Offer [IN-CONFIDENCE:RELEASE EXTERNAL]

Okay, thank you.

From: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 11:51 AM
To: Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>; s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz;
s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz
Subject: RE: Memo background on Block Offer [IN-CONFIDENCE:RELEASE EXTERNAL]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Here's the info (it was in response to the NZH query I sent you last night)

There are 31 active petroleum exploration permits. There are 22 active exploration permits in the wider Taranaki region and nine others outside Taranaki – 2 in the Canterbury Basin; 2 in the Great South Basin, 4 in the East Coast Basin, and one in the Waikato, King Country and Whanganui Basin.

NB: The figure above includes 1 exploration permit which has a surrender application which is being evaluated.

Cheers

Sean

From: Marcos Pelenur
Sent: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 11:26 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament); s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Memo background on Block Offer [IN-CONFIDENCE:RELEASE EXTERNAL]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

I don't have it on hand, but there was a table that was originally included in the memo. The version you attached to this email has the table taken out.

We're getting all the figures double checked, but the error we found was that the table said there were 21 active permits where in fact there are 31

s 9(2)(a) is out of the office at a meeting, but s 9(2)(a) can send over the correct info now while the full table is being double checked.

All the best
Marcos

From: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz
Sent: Wednesday, 21 March 2018 11:17 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz; Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Memo background on Block Offer [IN-CONFIDENCE:RELEASE EXTERNAL]

Hi both,

Sorry to ask this when I've already asked for something else – please could you set out what was incorrect in what we sent the PMO and send over the correct version? Conscious that they might be using the incorrect doc for their PQ and I want to ensure we're providing the correct one.

Thanks

From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] @mbie.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 March 2018 7:51 PM
To: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] @parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Marcos Pelenur <Marcos.Pelenur@mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: Memo background on Block Offer [IN-CONFIDENCE:RELEASE EXTERNAL]

Hi s 9(2)(a) [redacted]

The requested memo with information on Block Offer is attached.

Let me know if you would like hard copies and/or a word version and I will send them through.

I was also intending to include the table of facts and figures that was provided last week to the PMO, but we found a mistake in this (the numbers of permits) at a late stage so I want to get the whole table fact-checked tomorrow. I will send it through to you after this has been done.

Sorry that I have slightly stretched the definition of 'COP'!

Any questions just let me know.

Cheers,
s 9(2)(a) [redacted]

s 9(2)(a) [redacted]

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From: David Darby
Sent: Thursday, 22 March 2018 8:54 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Cc: James Stevenson-Wallace; Josh Adams; Marcos Pelenur
Subject: MBIE timings- Action point from Ministers meeting [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

From the Minister's meeting this week, for action point 1:

1	Block Offer/petroleum conference	Marcos/Dave	Confirm pressure points of MBIE timings ahead of the conference/ongoing for decisions
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Here are two indicative timelines, one assuming an item at Cabinet next week, and one assuming we go ahead one month later. There is some operational discretion to accelerate things like the submission analysis, depending on the geographic scope of Block Offer.

We are ready to launch consultation and begin promotion, so there are no pressure points ahead of the conference. We've prepared material based on "Scenario 4". Should there be changes to this scenario, then we would require ~5 days to change maps, QC and print. This means it is too late to make changes in advance of the conference.

NZPC Announcement			
Monday	26-Mar	Cabinet Approval	
Tuesday	27-Mar	Announce	
Tuesday	27-Mar	Consultation Starts (40 working days)	
Friday	25-May	Consultation Ends	
Monday	28-May	Submission Analysis Starts (4 weeks)	
Friday	22-Jun	Submission Analysis Ends	
Friday	29-Jun	Release Area Briefing & Cab paper to MO	
Tuesday	31-Jul	Cabinet	
Friday	3-Aug	Launch BO2018	
	TBC / Pre-Christmas	Close BO2018	
	by 1 April 2019	Grant BO2018	

1 Month post NZPC Announcement			
TBC	TBC	Cabinet Approval	
Monday	30-Apr	Announce	
Monday	30-Apr	Consultation Starts (40 working days)	
Tuesday	26-Jun	Consultation Ends	
Wednesday	27-Jun	Submission Analysis Starts (4 weeks)	
Wednesday	25-Jul	Submission Analysis Ends	
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	TBC / Pre-Christmas	Close BO2018	
	by 1 April 2019	Grant BO2018	

Cheers

Dave

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s 9(2)(a)

From: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 10:14 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a); Josh Adams
Subject: Confirming advice

Hi s 9(2)(a) Josh,

Please could you confirm if we've provided any advice on the likelihood of an oil/gas discovery in the 21 existing exploration permits/potential volume? With the exception of some info on Barque and consented gas supply I can't recall of anything else?

Cheers

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From: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 10:39 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Cc: Josh Adams; s 9(2)(a)
Subject: RE: Confirming advice [UNCLASSIFIED]

Thanks, s 9(2)(a) That's really helpful.

Cheers

From: s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 10:30 AM
To: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>
Cc: Josh Adams <Josh.Adams@mbie.govt.nz>; s 9(2)(a) @mbie.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Confirming advice [UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Mention of the Barque prospect was made in the context of the potential economic impact of a new discovery. It did not focus on the potential volumes in Barque per se.

There are 31 exploration, two prospecting permits and 26 mining permits/licences. To my knowledge, no advice has been provided on the potential volumes from existing prospecting/exploration permits or upside potential at existing mining permits/licences. Public information exists in what is referred to as "contingent resources" at existing mining permits/licences. Contingent resources are categorised as those quantities of petroleum estimated, as of a given date, to be potentially recoverable from known accumulations by application of development projects, but which are not currently considered to be commercially recoverable due to one or more contingencies. Contingent Resources may include, for example, projects for which there are currently no viable markets, or where commercial recovery is dependent on technology under development, or where evaluation of the accumulation is insufficient to clearly assess commerciality. Understanding what these contingencies are is essential before forming a view as to how much of these contingent resources may make their way to market at some point in the future. As a Ministry, we do not have a good handle on this, although we can provide a qualitative view for some fields if required.

Kind regards,

s 9(2)(a)
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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 10:19 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: Confirming advice [UNCLASSIFIED]

From: s 9(2)(a) [redacted]@parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 10:14 a.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) [redacted] Josh Adams
Subject: Confirming advice

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Cheers

s 9(2)(a) [redacted]

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From: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 4:15 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a) ; s 9(2)(a) Josh Adams
Cc: James Stevenson-Wallace
Subject: Facts for this evening

Hi all,

Apologies, this may have been sent through already during the oral PQ, please could we have:

- The value and volume of exports of oil and gas, Vs domestic use?

Please could we get it by COP today?

Cheers

s 9(2)(a)

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From: s 9(2)(a) (Parliament)
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 5:14 p.m.
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: FW: clarification: Facts for this evening

From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 26 March 2018 5:13 PM
To: s 9(2)(a) @parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: clarification: Facts for this evening

Yes. So export and domestic use as a percentage of what's extracted here.

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To clarify the below, we're assuming its oil and gas is drilled here in NZ (as opposed to for example, oil that we import for domestic use) ?

- The value and volume of exports of oil and gas, Vs domestic use?

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