

**From:** Meridian  
**To:** Sarah Gillies; Andy Doube  
**Cc:** Sam Fleming; Jason Woolley  
**Subject:** OIA request - materials relating to the review of competition on the wholesale market  
**Date:** Monday, 8 November 2021 12:03:15 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Kia ora Sarah and Andy,

Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request the following information in respect of the Review of competition in the wholesale market from January 2019 until early 2021 and the associated issues paper on inefficient price discrimination:

- The Concept Consulting Review Letter for Information states (under section C) that “in the attached document we have set out our more detailed comments on the draft empirical paper.” We request this document referred to by Concept Consulting.
- Terms of reference, scope of engagement, or brief for the peer reviews from Concept consulting and from Pat Duignan.
- The analysis underpinning the conclusions in the Review on the gross pivotal indicator.
- The numbers and information used, plus the worked analysis, that informed Figure 31 (water values and QWOPs (yearly moving averages)), including an analytical description of the QWOP calculation used, the treatment of wind (offered or actual quantities, or based on nameplate), and any averaging periods used.
- The calculations used to produce the statement “the Authority estimates that this could add up to \$200 to household electricity bills each year” in relation to the stated subsidy to the Tiwai smelter. This statement is located at this webpage: [Wholesale market competition review — Electricity Authority \(ea.govt.nz\)](#)
- The DOASA modelling outputs and assumptions, including:
  - All the modelled output data
  - Recommended generation
  - Water values
  - Storage outcomes (forecast)
  - Thermal generation requirements
  - Price outcomes

The information requested above is necessary for us to fully understand the Authority's analysis in a timely way to inform Meridian's submission response. Consequently, I respectfully request urgency (under s12 (3) of the Official Information Act 1982) on these information requests, in light of the tight submission timetable.

Ngā mihi

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Please note that I finish early on Wednesdays (at 2.30pm) and am not at work on Fridays.  
We work flexibly at Meridian. I am sending this message now because this time suits me. I  
encourage you to read, respond or action this at a time that best works for you.

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