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Thank you for your email received 26 June 2018 by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

*"I would like (electronic) copies of your predecessor organisation Ministry of Economic Development's early 2000s (circa 1993-2003) Regional Partnership Programme: Regional economic strategies for*

- *Horowhenua*
- *Manawatu*
- *Wanganui*
- *Tararua"*

The Ministry has retrieved archived documents to collate documents within the scope of your request, and has identified the following two documents attached:

- Wanganui - Rangitikei - Ruapehu Region, Regional Economic Development Plan June 2002

The document identifies the regional vision, overcoming the barriers to enable growth, focusing on opportunities for growth, and regional priorities.

- Manawatu's Application for Strategy Development Funding under Industry New Zealand's Regional Partnerships Programme May 2001

The document describes issues and planning initiatives in the region, the regional partnership, and work to be carried out.

While not specifically addressing the areas you have requested, these documents do include all four regions identified in your request. The Manawatu document does not specify the strategy for this region, but does identify work to be carried out to develop the strategy. It also identifies current economic development related projects.

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Some information in these documents has been withheld as it is outside the scope of your request, and under the following sections of the OIA:

*Section 9(2)(a) protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons*

*Section 9(2)(b)(ii) would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information*

I do not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

I trust you find the information helpful. 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.

Yours sincerely



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