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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Official information request for economic impacts of shifting land use to forestry

I refer to your official information request dated 24 August 2018 for information held by the Ministry for the Environment on the economic impacts of shifting land use to forestry. I acknowledge that part of your request was transferred to the Ministry for Primary Industries and that you have narrowed the scope of your request to include:

"Could I also please have a copy of any analysis, research, excel workbooks, either received or produced by MfE that contains information on the economic impacts (including job creation or destruction) of shifting land use into forest.

Could I also please have a copy of any documents or emails provided to any Minister, Minister's office, or any documents provided to other government departments that contains information on the economic impacts (including job creation or destruction) of shifting land use into forestry"

Part of the information you have requested is enclosed. A full list of the documents in scope and withholding provisions are listed in the table below. We have decided to withhold information on Stage 2 of the Zero Carbon Bill economic modelling under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 as it is still under active consideration.

You may be interested in the New Zealand Productivity Commission's final report on the low-emissions economy. The report provides some insight on the economic impacts of land-use change. The Commission's final report, uncertainty analysis report and corresponding spreadsheets are publicly available on the New Zealand Productivity Commission's website - www.productivity.govt.nz.

Economic modelling is neither perfect nor can it predict the future. The figures we received from modellers were based on the various inputs and assumptions in the models, which continued to be refined throughout the report drafting process. Therefore, as always, they must be interpreted with caution.

The Ministry for the Environment will release responses to some selected requests for official information on our Official Information Act requests page soon after the requester has received their response.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

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List of documents

No.	Date	Content	Decision	OIA Section/s applied (if withholding information)
DOC 1	25 July 2018	Email: RE Updated draft results	Release in part	S9(2)(a)
DOC 2	25 July 2018	Attachment: 180724 final results clean	Withhold in full	S18(d)
DOC 3	17 July 2018	Email: RE To discuss at CMV modelling meeting comparison with NZIER emissions prices	Release in part	S9(2)(a)
DOC 4	13 July 2018	Email: Modelling roundtable - next steps for MFE - feedback welcome	Release in part	S9(2)(a) S9(2)(f)(iv)
DOC 5	4 July 2018	Email: Uncertainty Analysis	Release in part	S9(2)(a)
DOC 5.1	4 July 2018	Attachment: Uncertainty Analysis draft report with GL and PY comments.docx	Withhold in full	S18(d)
DOC 6	12 June 2018	Briefing: 2018-B-04655 Release of synthesis and technical reports on economic impact analysis of 2050 targets	Release in part	S18(d)
DOC 6.1	12 June 2018	Attachment: Appendix 6.1 18-B-04655 Back pocket Q&As on Economic analysis and modelling	Release in full	n/a
DOC 7	1 June 2018	Email: RE Modelling phone call	Release in part	S9(2)(a) S9(2)(g)(i)
DOC 7.1	1 June 2018	Attachment: Scenarios and uncertainties	Withhold in full	S18(d)
DOC 8	18 May 2018	Briefing: 18-B-04588 Draft Zero Carbon Bill Discussion Document and Cabinet Paper	Release in part	S9(2)(a)
DOC 8.1	18 May 2018	Attachment: Draft Cabinet paper, Public consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill	Withhold in full	s 18(d)
DOC 8.2	18 May 2018	Attachment: Draft discussion document, Our Climate Your Say: Consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill	Withhold in full	s 18(d)
DOC 9	16 May 2018	PowerPoint: 18-B-04600 Zero Carbon Bill - Updated Economic Modelling Initial Results for ENV Ministers	Release in full	N/A

DOC 10	16 May 2018	PowerPoint: 18-B-04599 Zero Carbon Bill - Updated Economic Modelling Initial Results for Minister Shaw	Release in full	n/a
DOC 11	15 May 2018	Email: 10493771 RE: Meeting with Parker on Wednesday	Release in part	s 9(2)(a)
DOC 11.1	15 May 2018	Attachment to Doc 11: Zero Carbon Bill – Economic Modelling Results 7 May	Release in full	N/A
DOC 12	12 May 2018	Briefing - 18-B-04569 Updated draft Cabinet paper on Zero Carbon Bill discussion document	Release in part	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
DOC 12.1	12 May 2018	DOC 12.1 Attachment: Draft Cabinet paper, Public consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill	Withhold in full	s 18(d)
DOC 13	8 May 2018	Email: 10511689 Zero Carbon Bill - Economic Modelling Initial Results 7 May v1.pptx	Release in full	n/a
DOC 13.1	9 May 2018	Attachment to DOC 13: Zero Carbon Bill - Economic Modelling Initial Results 7 May v1	Release in full	n/a
DOC 14	3 May 2018	Email: Doc 27 - 10490924 Revised documents on Econ Impact, with attachments:	Release in part	s 9(2)(a)
DOC 14.1	3 May 2018	Attachment: ZCB consultation – Cover note and slide pack on initial results of economic modelling v2 3May2018	Release in part	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
DOC 14.2	3 May 2018	Attachment: Zero Carbon Bill – Economic modelling Initial Results v2 3May2018	Release in part	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
DOC 15	17 April 2018	Email: RE Updated results	Release in part	s 9(2)(a)
DOC 15.1	17 April 2018	Attachment: 180416 interim results - Modelling the transition to a lower net emissions New Zealand - interim results v2	Withhold in full	s 18(d)
DOC 16	17 April 2018	Email: RE Long promised draft of chapter on modelling	Release in part	s 9(2)(a)
DOC 16.1	17 April 2018	Attachment: Mitigation pathways	Withhold in full	s 18(d)

DOC 17	13 April 2018	Briefing: 18-B-04500 Zero Carbon Bill - A new 2050 emissions target	Release in part	s 9(2)(f)(iv)
DOC 18	12 April 2018	Email: RE Interim results	Release in part	s 9(2)(a)
DOC 18.1	12 April 2018	Attachment: Modelling the transition to a lower net emissions New Zealand'	Withhold in full	s 18(d)
DOC 19	6 April 2018	Email: RE NZ update call	Release in full	N/A
DOC 19.1	6 April 2018	Attachment: 180404 Interim results - modelling the transition to a lower net emissions New Zealand	Withhold in full	s 18(d)
DOC 20	4 April 2018	Email: Updated report	Release in part	s 9(2)(a)
DOC 20.1	4 April 2018	Attachment: 180403 Interim results - modelling the transition to a lower net emissions New Zealand	Withhold in full	s 18(d)
DOC 21	14 March 2018	Email: Reconciling sequestration by forestry in LURNZ and under the MfE projections based on expected NZ's NDC accounting rules	Release in part	s 9(2)(a)
DOC 22	21 September 2018	Briefing: 18-B-04928 - Summary of economic impacts v2	Withhold in full	s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Note: due to file size, please email ministerials@mfe.govt.nz for the documents listed