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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 14 January 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide all emails, meeting notes, communications, minutes, research or other documents, both internal to the department and to/from the Minister's office or to/from other sources, in regard to the composition of the following statement that appeared in the Discussion Document's Executive Summary: "Although New Zealand's share of global emissions is very small (0.17 per cent), countries like us make up around 30 per cent of total emissions."

I have identified one document as within the scope of your request, as detailed in the attached document schedule. I have released this document in full, but have removed any out of scope material. Document 1 contains an email confirming that the 0.17 per cent figure is from the Ministry's 2018 publication, *New Zealand's Greenhouse Gas Inventory 1990–2016 Snapshot*.

I note that on 9 July 2018 you initially requested evidence supporting this statement [18-D-01568]. In our response we referenced <http://cait.wri.org/> as the data source, and noted what 'countries like us' refers to. Another database, EDGAR (available at <http://edgar.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>), has also sometimes been used to calculate how countries are contributing to climate change.

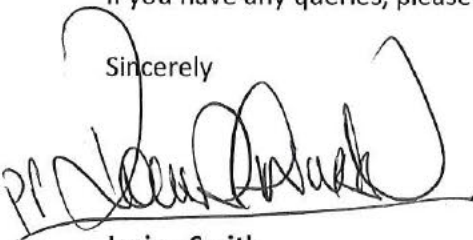
The CAIT and EDGAR databases have been used in previous Ministry publications to assist with providing high-level context to compare New Zealand's and other country's contributions to global emissions. The figures calculated from these databases could vary due to differences in methodology, assumptions, definitions, the year(s) of data used, and other factors.

Our aim in consultation documents is to provide relatively accessible background information to the public to briefly introduce them to an issue, and inform them about policy proposals.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Sincerely



Janine Smith
Director, Climate Change

List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	25 May 2018	Email: RE science in the discussion document	Released in full	N/A

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From: [Charles Rands](#)
To: [Alice Ryan](#); [Chris Bean](#); [Team - Climate Change Analysis](#)
Subject: RE: science in the discussion document
Date: Friday, 25 May 2018 9:23:57 AM

It's in the inventory snapshot. Page 6

From: Alice Ryan
Sent: Friday, 25 May 2018 9:22 a.m.
To: Chris Bean; Team - Climate Change Analysis
Subject: RE: science in the discussion document

Im also wanting to confirm we have the reference for this statement from the discussion doc? (it sounds right but good to know where the reference is saved)

New Zealand's emissions make up just 0.17% of global emissions. But small countries like us make up nearly a third of the world's total emissions.

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From: Zoe Mack
Sent: Friday, 18 May 2018 1:34 PM
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Subject: RE: science in the discussion document

Hi all,

Thanks Dan for the suggested way forward, which is:

- read the discussion document in your own time, but before Wed morn please (note this is the version we lodged for ENV). Hard-copies on L7 table or soft-copy attached.
- discuss and debate amongst yourselves, and across the Ministry if you'd like
- compile your feedback into one and provide this to me by close of play Wed 23 May. If you're ready sooner or notice a show-stopper flick it through early. This timeframe allows us to

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incorporate your changes (alongside those from Ministers) into updated version we lodge with Cabinet on Fri 25.

And, yep agree with Dan – the curly questions can be addressed over the next few weeks before consultation begins on 7 June. I'll check in with Comms on what products/timeframes look like for this.

Many thanks,

Zoe

From: Dan Zwartz

Sent: Wednesday, 16 May 2018 3:55 p.m.

To: Zoe Mack; Emma Lemire; Alice Ryan; Charles Rands; James Fick; Daniel Lawrence; Nigel Searles

Cc: Lewis Stevens; Sue-Ellen Fenelon; Science Strategy; Matthew Cowie

Subject: RE: science in the discussion document

Thanks Zoe,

Has anyone responded to this? I agree it'd be good to have some technical readers of the draft DD to fact-check. We know how much pressure there's been to shorten the document, and it's easy for errors to creep in in this situation.

It might be hard to find a time we're mostly available, but I suggest you send out an invitation and the DD, so we can check the relevant bits in our own time. Schedule the meeting for discussion if necessary and set a deadline for feedback/curly questions.

How does that sound?

Dan

From: Zoe Mack

Sent: Tuesday, 15 May 2018 11:05 a.m.

To: Dan Zwartz; Emma Lemire; Alice Ryan; Charles Rands; James Fick; Daniel Lawrence; Nigel Searles

Cc: Lewis Stevens; Sue-Ellen Fenelon; Science Strategy; Matthew Cowie

Subject: science in the discussion document

Calling all scientists!

Bridget Fraser suggested we hold a session with scientists in climate directorate and some from Ministry science advisory group to test how the Zero Carbon Bill (ZCB) discussion document (DD) is landing, and to prepare for the 'curly questions' during consultation.

To do this I suggest an hour session this week to cover:

- options for the 2050 target and their impact on climate

- other components in the ZCB (ie national risk assessment for adaptation)
- brainstorm potential likely qs for consultation, and potential actions to address these

Questions for you: does this process and time work? And, who else from Ministry would be good to involve?

If people are keen I can send agenda and DD out in a meeting invite out soon.

Many thanks,

Zoe

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