



10 September 2024

OIAD-1159

9(2)(a)

Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 10 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to make a request under the Official Information Act for:*

- All written advice including Cabinet papers, briefings, meeting packs, memos, aide memoirs, emails, texts and correspondence provided to Ministers concerning the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting in June 2024.*
- Since February 2024, all written advice including Cabinet papers, briefings, memos, meeting packs, aide memoirs, emails, texts and correspondence provided to Chief Executives on the Climate Change Interdepartmental Executive Board.*

On 17 July 2024, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) contacted you to clarify the scope of your request as we wanted to assist you with finding the specific information you are seeking. On the same day, you clarified that you are seeking the following information regarding your request:

- You confirmed that your request is directed to the Climate IEB Unit in its role as Secretariat for the Climate Change Interdepartmental Executive Board (CCCEB) and Climate Priorities Ministerial Group (CPMG).
- You confirmed that, as there was no CPMG meeting held in June, your request is for information related to the May CPMG meeting.

Please note that the Unit has interpreted your request as seeking final versions of documents.

The Climate Change Interdepartmental Executive Board Unit (the Unit) has identified 13 documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table.

One document is being released to you in full.

The document titled *BRF-4682 Interim emission projections and modelling update* is being refused under section 18(d), as the information is publicly available on the Ministry's website, here: [Emissions reduction plan and the climate strategy | Ministry for the Environment](#).

The document titled *May CPMG Meeting Pack* is being refused under section 18(d), as the information is publicly available on the Ministry's website, here: [May-CPMG-meeting-pack.pdf \(environment.govt.nz\)](#)

Additionally, the Unit is refusing, under section 18(d) of the Act, portions of the following two documents in scope of your request:

- The slide pack included in the document titled *CCCEB Meeting pack*, which relates to the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) and Emissions Reduction Policy 2 (ERP2) policy modelling, is publicly available here: [Emissions reduction plan and the climate strategy | Ministry for the Environment](#)

- The key messages in the document titled *March CPMG pack (re-review)*, which relates to ERP2, is publicly available here: [Emissions reduction plan and the climate strategy | Ministry for the Environment](#)

10 documents are being released to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.
- 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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## Document schedule

| Document no. | Document date | Content   | Decisions        | OIA sections applied                 |
|--------------|---------------|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1.           | 14/6/2024     | CCCEB Meeting pack  | Released in part | 9(2)(f)(iv)<br>9(2)(h)<br>18(d)      |
| 2.           | 25/3/2024     | March CPMG pack (re-review)   | Released in part | 9(2)(f)(iv)<br>9(2)(h)<br>18(d)      |
| 3.           | 21/3/2024     | Board notes on the NDC 18 March 2024  | Released in part | 9(2)(f)(iv)<br>9(2)(g)(i)            |
| 4.           | 20/5/2024     | May CPMG pack   | Refused in full  | 18(d)                                |
| 5.           | 3/5/2024      | BRF-4682 Interim emission projections and modelling update                    | Refused in full  | 18(d)                                |
| 6.           | 3/5/2024      | BRF-4703 Draft Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting papers for review | Released in part | 9(2)(a)                              |
| 7.           | 13/5/2024     | BRF-4697 Climate Priorities Ministerial Group meeting papers for 20 May 2024  | Released in part | 9(2)(a)<br>9(2)(h)                   |
| 8.           | 6/5/2024      | MCC officials meeting agenda re CPMG 6 May 2024                               | Released in full | NA                                   |
| 9.           | 16/5/2024     | BRF-4746 Talking points for CPMG meeting 20 May 2024                          | Released in part | 9(2)(a)<br>9(2)(f)(iv)               |
| 10.          | 3/5/2024      | [Email] Climate Priorities Ministerial Group Meeting_ Monday 20 May, 7.30pm   | Released in part | 9(2)(a)                              |
| 11.          | 15/5/2024     | [Email] RE_ [IN-CONFIDENCE]Papers for CPMG meeting, 20 May - amended agenda   | Released in part | 9(2)(a)<br>9(2)(f)(iv)<br>9(2)(g)(i) |
| 12.          | 16/5/2024     | [Email] FW_ [IN-CONFIDENCE]FW_ CPMG pack - urgent advice requested            | Released in part | 9(2)(a)<br>9(2)(h)<br>9(2)(g)(i)     |
| 13.          | 3/2024        | Summary of key findings from Quarterly Progress Report, March 2024            | Released in part | 9(2)(f)(iv)                          |