



OIAD-1169

13 September 2024

9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 19 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I request the following information under the Official Information Act:

- *The March CPMG meeting pack*
- *The October 25, 2023 CCCEB meeting pack*
- *The November 21, 2023 CCCEB meeting pack*
- *The December 5, 2023 CCCEB meeting pack*
- *The February 28, 2024 CCCEB meeting pack*

While I am aware these documents have been proactively released, sections were redacted from the releases as they were published prior to the publication of the consultation for the second Emissions Reduction Plan. I'm hoping to receive unredacted copies of the documents with this request.

As listed in the attached document schedule, six documents have been identified in scope of your request.

As you are aware, these documents were proactively released on the on the 3 July 2024 on the Climate Change Chief Executive Board (CCIEB)'s website at: [Climate Change Chief Executives Board released material | Ministry for the Environment](#).

These documents have been reassessed by Board agencies, and the documents are being released in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of 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 addition, the key messages in the document titled *March CPMG meeting pack 25-03-2024* are being refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as this information is publicly available here: [Emissions reduction plan and the climate strategy | Ministry for the Environment](#).

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.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment 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.

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Daniell', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lisa Daniell

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	25 March 2024	March CPMG meeting pack 25-03-2024	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(h) 18(d)
2	25 October 2023	2023-10-25 CCCE Board pack	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(g)(i) 9(2)(h)
3	21 November 2023	2023-11-21 CCCE Board pack	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)
4	5 December 2023	2023-12-05 Board - pack 1	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)
5	5 December 2023	2023-12-05 Board - pack 2	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)
6	28 February 2024	2024-02-28 CCCEB meeting papers	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)