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Thank you for your email of 30 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *BRF-2725 - NCD Strategy Cabinet paper overview/outline*
- *BRF-3773 - Section 5K request on second Nationally Determined Contribution*
- *BRF-3854 - Revised Section 5K request on second Nationally Determined Contribution*
- *BRF-3921 - Final section 5K request in second nationally Determined Contribution*
- *BRF-3000 - Revised draft NDC strategy*
- *CAB-215 - Nationally Determined Contribution Strategy*
- *BRF-3159 - Draft NDC strategy Cabinet paper*
- *CAB-274 - Developing a Carbon Removals Strategy*
- *BRF-2770 - Follow-up advice on implementation agency arrangements for the agriculture emissions pricing system*
- *BRF-2863 - Options for setting standards for agriculture emissions calculator*
- *BRF-3140 - next Steps on agricultural emissions pricing*
- *BRF-3213 - Progression of a farm level emissions reporting system*
- *BRF-3306 - Next Steps on Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions*
- *CAB-327 - Progress update on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions pricing*
- *BRF-3588 - Cover brief - August Cabinet paper. Pricing system for agricultural emissions*
- *CAB-358 - Final policy decisions on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions reporting and levy systems*

The Ministry for the Environment has identified 16 documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule.

I am releasing three of these documents to you in full.

I am releasing 13 of these documents to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(a) to not prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand.
- 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.

9(2)(j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

18(d) as the information requested is publicly available.

Please note that the request to the Climate Change Commission for advice to support decisions on the second nationally determined contribution referenced in Documents 13, 14, and 16 was made under the previous government. The request has since been modified. More details and the final request can be found here: <https://www.climatecommission.govt.nz/our-work/advice-to-government-topic/nationally-determined-contributions/ndc2-report/>.

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 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.

Yours sincerely



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Document schedule

#	Date	Code	Title	Decision	OIA sections
01	17/02/2023	BRF-2770	Follow up advice on implementation agency arrangements for agriculture emissions pricing system	Released in part	9(2)(g)(i)
02	21/02/2023	BRF-2725	NDC Strategy Cabinet paper overview/outline	Released in part	6(a) 9(2)(g)(i) 9(2)(j)
03	14/03/2023	BRF-2863	Options for setting standards for agriculture emissions calculator	Released in full	N/A
04	13/04/2023	BRF-3000	Revised Draft NDC Strategy	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)
05	20/04/2023	BRF-3140	Next steps on agricultural emissions pricing	Released in part	9(2)(a)
06	28/04/2023	BRF-3159	Draft NDC strategy Cabinet paper	Released in part	6(a) 9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)
07	12/05/2023	BRF-3213	Progression of a farm level emissions reporting system	Released in part	9(2)(a)
08	29/05/2023	BRF-3306	Next steps on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(h)
09	03/07/2023	CAB-215	Nationally Determined Contribution Strategy	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(j)
10	03/07/2023	CAB-274	Developing a Carbon Removals Strategy	Released in part	9(2)(h)
11	19/07/2023	BRF-3588	Cover brief - August Cabinet paper. Pricing system for agricultural emissions	Released in part	9(2)(a) 18(d)
12	14/08/2023	CAB-327	Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pricing: Progress Update	Released in part	18(d)
13	31/08/2023	BRF-3773	Section 5K request on second Nationally Determined Contribution	Released in part	9(2)(g)(i)
14	06/09/2023	BRF-3854	Revised Section 5K request on second Nationally Determined Contribution	Released in full	N/A
15	18/09/2023	CAB-358	Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting and Levy System: Final Policy Decisions	Released in part	9(2)(a) 9(2)(h)
16	05/10/2023	BRF-3921	Final section 5K request in second Nationally Determined Contribution	Released in full	N/A