



25 September 2024

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 2 August 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can I please request any documents that have been compiled in 2024 on the status of actions (including those that are being implemented, paused, or discontinued) in the first Emissions Reduction Plan and the first National Adaptation Plan, including those produced by the Climate Change IEB.

On 13 August, the Ministry for the Environment contacted you to refine the scope of the request in relation to the emissions reduction plan and national adaptation plan 'Action Tracker' material in scope. We advised that there are two 'Action Tracker' spreadsheets for the July-December 2023 and January-June 2024 periods captured, which inform the Climate Change Chief Executives Board's progress reports. These documents contain information relating to the 'status of actions' for the relevant reporting period, however, these documents also contain a range of other information, including material that is still being actively considered by Ministers. Assessing the full Action Tracker spreadsheets would take a substantial amount of time, and it is likely that large amounts of material would need to be withheld in accordance with section 9 of the Act.

On 14 August, you agreed to refine the scope of your request as it related to the Action Tracker documents to the following:

- Details of the ERP1/NAP1 chapter and action for delivery
- Status of each action from the relevant reporting period, and main reason for any discontinued/closed/on-hold status
- RAG status for active actions to describe progress for the relevant report period, and main reason for any Red/Amber RAG status

The Climate Change Chief Executives Board Unit has identified seven documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule.

Five documents are being refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information is publicly available.

One document is being withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

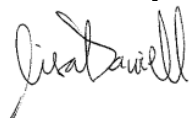
The final document is a spreadsheet containing the ERP and NAP Action Trackers. This information is being released to you in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Daniell', written in a cursive style.

Lisa Daniell

Executive Director – Climate Change Interdepartmental Executive Board Unit

Document schedule

No.	Date	Content	Decision	OIA Section/s applied
1	March 2024	March Quarterly Report	Refused	18(d) Climate Change Chief Executives Board released material Ministry for the Environment
2	13 March 2024	Draft March Quarterly Progress Report Draft for Climate Change Chief Executives Board discussion	Refused	18(d) 13-March-2024-meeting-pack.pdf (environment.govt.nz)
3	14 June 2024	BRF-4840 Status of the first emissions reduction plan and emissions budget 1	Refused	18(d) Emissions reduction plan and the climate strategy Ministry for the Environment
4	3 July 2024	Cabinet Paper: Public consultation on the second emissions reduction plan	Refused	18(d) Emissions reduction plan and the climate strategy Ministry for the Environment
5	29 February 2024	BRF-4311 Draft Cabinet paper – New Zealand’s Climate goals and obligations	Refused	18(d) BRF-4311-Draft-Cabinet-paper-New-Zealands-Climate-goals-and-obligations.pdf (environment.govt.nz)
6	20 September 2024	Draft amendment to the first emissions reduction plan	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
7	N/A	Action Tracker spreadsheet	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)