



25 September 2024

OIAD-1198

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 6 August 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Copies of any advice or documents (if any) on economic conditions the impact on industry decarbonising and/or reducing emissions.

On 15 August 2024, the Ministry contacted you to clarify whether you were seeking the following:

Copies of any advice or documents about the impact of economic conditions on:

- *industry decarbonising; or*
- *reducing emissions.*

You responded to confirm you were happy with the above clarification and noted that you sought information dated from 1 November 2023 to 6 August 2024.

The Ministry has identified four documents in scope of your request, as per the attached document schedule.

I am releasing one document to you with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 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; and
- 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege.

I am refusing three documents under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is already publicly available.

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 decisions 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 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 'Danielle Ryan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Danielle Ryan
Manager - Ministerial Services
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	1/12/2023	BRF-3961 - Secondary Briefing to the Incoming Minister: Climate Change	Refused in full and available here	18(d)
2	19/02/2024	BRF-4249 - Climate Change Response Act 2002 Amendments: New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme obligations for agriculture	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv); 9(2)(h)
3	29/04/2024	CAB-413 - Investment of the waste disposal levy to achieve Government priorities	Refused in full and available here	18(d)
4	9/05/2024	BRF-4718 - NZ ETS and the second emissions reduction plan	Refused in full and available here	18(d)