



25 October 2024

OIAD-1285

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 24 September 2024 to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*On this page: <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-programmes/government-targets> there are a number of pdfs with charts. May I please get the data for each of the charts in each PDF in spreadsheet form? E.g for the first target can I please get a spreadsheet for all values including estimated?*

*Can I also please have the criteria you have used to assign On Track, Probable, Feasible, At Risk and Unachievable rankings?*

On 30 September 2024, your request was partially transferred to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the part of the request relating to Government Target Nine is more closely connected with the functions of the Ministry. We understand that DPMC provided a response to the second part of your request seeking criteria used to assign on track, probable, feasible, at risk and unachievable rankings.

The Climate Change Chief Executives Board is responsible for approving Target 9 reports prior to sign-off by the Minister of Climate Change. The Climate Change Chief Executives Board Unit (the Unit) is responsible for preparing Target 9 reports.

The Unit can confirm the Target 9 chart you have requested information on uses data combining gross emissions from the Greenhouse Gas Inventory and forestry removals from the Emissions in New Zealand Model (ENZ) second Emissions Reduction Plan (ERP2) baseline to calculate net emissions for 2019 to 2021. The 2022 figure is consistent with the second emissions reduction plan (ERP2) discussion document and includes adjustments because of subsequent Stats NZ livestock and fertiliser revisions. From 2023 onwards, net emissions are based on ENZ ERP2 interim projections. These projections are available from the ERP2 discussion document technical annex.

Three documents are therefore in scope of your request, as listed below:

- ERP2 Discussion document data
- ERP2 Discussion document technical annex
- Greenhouse gas inventory

The Unit is refusing all three documents in scope of your request in full, under section 18(d) of the Act, as the requested information is publicly available. The documents related to the ERP2 discussion document are available here:

<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/new-zealands-second-emissions-reduction-plan-discussion-document/>

New Zealand's Greenhouse Gas Inventory is available here:  
<https://environment.govt.nz/publications/new-zealands-greenhouse-gas-inventory-1990-2022/>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Jane White**

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