



OIAD-1473

13 March 2025

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 5 February 2025 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Hi, can I please request all briefing notes and Cabinet papers related to the Government's recent decision on New Zealand's second Nationally Determined Contribution. I also request correspondence between MfE and the Climate Change Commission on the same issue.*

On 18 February 2025, the Ministry invited you to clarify the scope and timeframe of your request. You refined your request to the following:

- 1. Copies of key decision-making documents related to the Government's recent decision on New Zealand's second Nationally Determined Contribution between May 2024 and 5 February 2025.*
- 2. Correspondence between MfE and the Climate Change Commission on the same issue (excluding purely administrative emails).*

On 6 March 2025, the Ministry informed you that we will be proactively releasing the key decision-making documents related to the Government's recent decision on New Zealand's second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC2) on our website by the end of March 2025. Therefore, this part of your request has been refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the requested information will soon be publicly available. This material will be published at [environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/ndc2](https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/cabinet-papers-and-regulatory-impact-statements/ndc2). Please note that some information has been withheld from these documents under sections 6 and 9 of the Act.

The Ministry has identified 18 emails in scope of part two of your request. These emails have been released to you in part with some information within these emails withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

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](https://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](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Davis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Meredith Davis**  
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