



13 May 2025

OIAD-1553

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 10 April 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

All advice to Ministers regarding the Carbon Neutral Government Programme since 29 November 2024

All papers to MfE's leadership team regarding the CNGP since 29 November 2024

All cabinet papers regarding the CNGP since 29 November 2024

All correspondence sent and received from Ministers and their Offices regarding the Carbon Neutral Government Programme since 27 November 2023

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

Four of the documents have been proactively released on the Ministry's website as part of a previous OIA response, therefore I am refusing to provide these documents to you in full under section 18(d) of the Act as they are already publicly available. The documents can be found here: [Information Relating to the Carbon Neutral Government Programme \(CNGP\) | Ministry for the Environment](#).

I am withholding the remaining two documents, and their titles, 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.

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

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1.	21/3/2024	Email: RE: BRF-4099 Progress update on the Carbon Neutral Government Programme	Refused in full	18(d)
2.	26/7/2024	Email: RE: BRF-3950 Removing the 2025 neutrality goal of the Carbon Government Programme	Refused in full	18(d)
3.	4/11/2024	Email: RE: BRF-5494 Pathways for the Carbon Neutral Government Programme's Neutrality Goal	Refused in full	18(d)
4.	15/10/2024	Email: BRF-5004 Policy direction of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme	Refused in full	18(d)
5.	16/04/2025	BRF-6068: [Title Withheld]	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
6.	22/04/2025	Email: BRF-6068 [Title Withheld]	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)