

Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 1 February for the week commencing 5 February

Officials Meeting

Date: 7 February 2018
Time: 4 – 5 pm
Location: Office of the Minister for Climate Change

Attendees: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
 Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
 Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate
 Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
 Janine Smith, Manager, Climate Change Policy
 Paul Alexander, Programme Director Low Emissions Transition Hub

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	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	- Introduction Feedback on papers in the weekend bag Update on cross agency feedback	Penny Nelson	5 min
2	- Key insights from Waitangi	Min Shaw	5 min
3	- Zero Carbon Bill: your feedback on the first draft of the Cabinet Environment, Energy & Climate (ENV) paper	Janine Smith	10 min
4	- Verbal update and testing of approach to CE Board terms of reference	Paul Alexander	10 min
5	- Zero Carbon Bill: discuss 2050 target options to model and progress on economic modelling	s 9(2)(a)- Protection of Natural persons	30 min

Actions from the meeting 30 January

1. MfE to advise on the Otago University and Dunedin groups' proposal on community-led adaptation plan – *we will provide you with further detail as it becomes finalised*
2. MfE to advise on arrangements for international visitors as these progress – *we will provide you with further detail as it becomes finalised*
3. Office to arrange meeting to discuss the MfE's economic modelling work – *this week's official meeting agenda item 3*
4. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

5. 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
6. MfE to draft a letter to interested groups seeking proposals for membership of the Interim Committee (by 2 Feb 2018) - you will receive on 2 Feb

Upcoming meetings 5 February – 16 February

7 February	12.30pm	PWC re sustainable development goals
	4pm	MfE Officials meeting
8 February	9am	Murray McClintock, carbon farming on DoC land*
	1pm	Starley Thompson re Climate Change Commission
	1.30pm	John Scott, DPMC
9 February	all day	Regional farmers – Wairarapa
12 February	2pm	MfE Officials meeting
13 February	8.30am	Hon Mark Field, UK Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific ⁺
	9.30am	Forestry Reference Group with Hon Shane Jones
	3.30pm	Meridian Energy Chair Chris Moller and Chief Executive Neal Barclay
14 Feb	9 am	Informal consultation with Hon David Parker on Zero Carbon ⁺ Bill, the Interim Climate Change Committee and the Public Sector Board of Chief Executives
15 February	7.15am	Hugo Group – Speech (Wellington)
16 February	7.15am	Hugo Group – Speech (Auckland)
	1.15pm	Auckland Council on Panuku Development Organisation* Gary Taylor Chairman and Chief Executive of the Environmental Defence Society*

*meeting notes will be provided by MfE

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1. Key decisions for you to make this week

- A. Provide feedback on Cabinet ENV paper and Interim Climate Change Committee terms of reference**
- B. Send letters seeking suggestions for potential members of Interim Climate Change Committee**

Following last week's climate change officials' meeting, we have drafted you letters to send to business groups, non-governmental organisations and other groups to seek ideas for who might be suitable candidates for membership of the Interim Climate Change Committee.

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2. Material for you to be aware of this week

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2.2. Iwi Leaders Hui

You requested details of the upcoming hui to be held by the Iwi Leaders Group. We are working with them to finalise a schedule and will provide this after Waitangi day with dates, subject focus and a list of attendees.

2.3. Trump confirms he would consider re-joining the Paris Agreement

President Trump has again indicated that the United States could support the Paris Agreement under more favourable terms. In a recent interview with Piers Morgan, Trump stated: "It would have to be a completely different deal because we had a horrible deal," adding, "If they made a good deal there's always a chance we'd get back...would I go back in? Yeah, I'd go back in. I like, as you know, I like Emmanuel [French President Macron]. I would love to, but it's got to be a good deal for the US." Trump's statement supports the suggestion that the US may be willing to recommit to the Paris Agreement with a reduced emissions target. At the same time, and during the same interview, the President's views on climate change itself remained equivocal. Officials will follow up with US counterparts to seek further clarification.

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2.1 Visit by Climate Change Ambassador to Bonn, London and Paris

Climate Change Ambassador, Jo Tyndall, travelled to Europe last week. She participated in a meeting of UNFCCC Presiding Officers, together with the Fiji (current) and Polish (incoming) COP Presidencies and the UNFCCC secretariat. The "retreat" was an opportunity to prepare for the big year ahead and ensure a coherent vision for success at

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COP 24 in Katowice, as well as to develop some consistent messages. The year will be crowded, with the Talanoa Dialogue consuming resources along with the efforts needed to conclude the Paris Agreement Work Programme. It was agreed that political engagement needed to be stepped up this year, with Ministers likely to be called upon to help broker solutions to the central political sticking points. It was also agreed an additional (negotiator-level) session was strongly desirable to ensure the development of draft negotiating text – and iterations thereof – ahead of the COP.

Meetings in London included a useful session with the Climate Change Committee (which is also providing written answers to a series of questions), and with BEIS (the department responsible for climate change). 6(a), avoid prejudice to international relations; 6(b) protect information passed from another government on confidential basis; 9(2)(j), avoid prejudice to negotiations

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In both capitals, there was strong interest in New Zealand's domestic climate change agenda, and the Ambassador's pitch for our "precision agriculture" initiative at the COP attracted supportive comments.

2.4. Key takeaways from the High Level Dialogue on Carbon Pricing in the Americas 22-24 January 2018

Kay Harrison travelled to Santiago at the invitation of the Government of Chile to attend and present at the High Level Dialogue on Carbon Pricing in the Americas. This initiative followed last year's Declaration on Carbon Pricing in the Americas at the Earth Summit in Paris, and a public commitment amongst Pacific Alliance countries to develop a carbon market in the region. 9(2)(j)

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It is possible that further announcements from these countries about regional carbon pricing will be announced at the San Francisco Summit in California in September 2018.

For New Zealand, participation in these meetings enabled us to continue our dialogue with two important groups:

- under 9.2(j) "enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

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2.2 Singapore to host ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change

Speaking at the official launch of the Year of Climate Action for Singapore, Environment and Water Resources Minister Masagos Zulkifli announced that Singapore would host a Special ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change on July 10, stating that the meeting would "send a strong signal internationally that we in Asia remain fully committed to the Paris

Agreement and will take collective action to tackle climate change.” We are seeking more information - including whether New Zealand may be invited to participate - through our Posts in Singapore and Jakarta and will update in due course.

3. Upcoming briefings 5 February –16 February

Papers for your 9 February bag

Issue or event	Lead	Further information
Wairarapa region farm visit with DairyNZ, 9 February	MfE	Material to support your trip to the Wairarapa with DairyNZ.
Zero Carbon Bill: First draft Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH) paper	MfE	This briefing will attach a first draft of the APH paper that will seek confirmation of the members of the Interim Climate Change Committee.
Zero Carbon Bill: key messages for Ministerial consultation	MfE	This paper will provide key messages for Ministerial consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill.

Papers for your 16 February bag

Issue or event	Lead	Further information
Climate Change Impact Assessment Draft Letter	MfE	This briefing provides you with a draft letter to send to your colleagues regarding the consideration of climate impacts in policy development.
S 9(f) (iv)- Active	MfE	S 9(f)(iv)- Active consideration- Never went to Government

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

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Terms of reference for Interim Climate Change Committee and Climate Change Public Sector Chief Executive's Board	ENV	Reports back to Cabinet (due 28 February 2018) on the terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee, public sector climate change board of Chief Executives, and the timing and sequencing of key government decisions on priority climate	Lodge with Cabinet Office 10am 15 March 2018 ENV 20 March 2018 Cabinet 26 March 2018
Membership of Interim Climate Change Committee	APH	Confirms membership for the Interim Climate Change Committee	Lodge with Cabinet Office 26 March 2018 (following Cabinet agreement to ENV paper – requires seeking extension from the Cabinet Office to its 10am 22 March deadline for lodging papers) APH 28 March 2018 Cabinet 3 April 2018

5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
Provincial Growth Fund and terms of reference for Independent Advisory Panel	MBIE	DEV	9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]

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7. Engagement

7.1. Key issues in the media and social media

The NZ Herald recently ran a story on very early findings from NIWA research that suggest indigenous forest may be a greater sink of carbon than previously thought and currently reported in New Zealand's Greenhouse Gas Inventory. We are working with the researchers as they investigate this further. The Ministry monitors carbon in indigenous forest. We report our findings annually to the UN and our methodology is subject to international review.

Record-breaking temperatures and linkages with climate change made headlines again this week, with the Ministry of Health announcing it is preparing a national 'heat health' plan to help district health boards and community service providers prepare for hotter summers in the future, and the health problems this could cause.

The NZ Herald reported extreme weather and higher seas could overwhelm New Zealand's \$20b sewer network. Deep South National Science Challenge researchers are looking at which areas could be most at risk.

The Otago Daily Times reported your comments at an Otago University event that New Zealand will become an international innovator if agriculture is included in the NZ emissions trading scheme, and this opens up new opportunities for our economy.

7.2. Ministry for the Environment Stakeholder activity you may be interested in

MfE officials attended a Sustainable Business Council (SBC) workshop on Tuesday 30 January, which included staff from SBC, WWF, Environmental Defence Society, Pure Advantage and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority.

The group was convened to talk about how we could best work together on climate change issues, with a view to organising a Low Emissions Solutions event for business action later in 2018. The attendees determined two main priorities – inspiring business to take action, and encouraging/providing opportunities for businesses and others to provide feedback and input on the Zero Carbon Bill consultation.

The group discussed an event with a wide audience, including businesses at varying degrees of taking action on climate change, and providing opportunities for all attendees to take away something tangible to implement. The NGO's in attendance were very interested in also creating opportunities for discussion around the Zero Carbon Bill consultation. There are two subsequent workshops set up for February and March to further discuss and confirm the approach.

8. OIA requests

8.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
Could you please advise me the total revenue/tax in its various forms that under the previous National government where collected as a carbon revenue/tax and where those same taxes were sent or spent.	9(2)(a) Unknown	18-O-00061	26 January	2 February
Any information held regarding climate control/engineering projects the New Zealand Government is/has been/or plans to be involved in if any. My request extends to such programmes the New Zealand Government may be aware of inside its territorial boundary. My use of the term climate control projects relates to such programmes as carbon sequestration (carbon dioxide removal), oceanic seeding and solar radiation management for the purpose of climate change mitigation	9(2)(a) Unknown	18-O-00019	6 February	13 February
All advice you have received from officials on a proposed "Zero Carbon Act".	9(2)(a) Act Party	18-O-00037	6 February	13 February

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Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
LINKED WITH 18-D-00049 Could the Minister please provide any information prepared to assess different options for the formation of a Climate Change Commission in New Zealand?	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00054	6 February	13 February
Could the Minister please provide the two briefings produced by the Ministry for Primary Industries on 16 November 2017 and 4 December 2017, which were forwarded to the Minister by Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Forestry.	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00056	6 February	13 February
Could the Minister please provide a copy of the Slide-pack for discussion on New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme - forestry and the NZ ETS (4 December 2017).	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00057	6 February	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-D-00044 Could the Minister please provide a copy of the presentation he received on 24 November 2017 regarding the 2050 Target.	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00058	6 February	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-D-00051 Could I please have any information prepared or received, since 23rd September 2017, assessing different options for the utilisation of revenue raised from the	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00059	6 February	13 February

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<p>auctioning or selling of New Zealand emissions units.</p>				
<p>We would like to request copies of the briefings mentioned in this reply to a written question from the Opposition:</p> <p>https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/WQ_09205_2017/13c5be1288fc41b0242d93db5661cb2e66998093</p> <p>Excluding the BIMs, which are already publicly available. If you are unable to make all the papers immediately available, would you please release those you can straight away which you consider the others. We would also like a copy of this, referred to in written question 9160: Todd Muller to the Climate Change (Minister - James Shaw) (20 Nov 2017): What briefings did the Minister receive on 14 November 2017? Hon James Shaw (Climate Change (Minister - James Shaw)) replied: Verbal briefing from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to update me on progress in the COP23 climate change negotiations, my programme for the</p>	<p>9(2)(a) [REDACTED] Carbon News/Forest & Bird</p>	<p>17-O-01693</p>	<p>23 January</p> <p>This OIA has been extended to 14 February by your office to allow for consultation between MFE and MFAT.</p>	<p>14 February</p>

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day including my attendance and participation at key events, bilateral meetings and logistical matters. Written joint MPI briefing - Opportunity to develop and trial a private afforestation fund.				
On January 17 you released via FYI two of your weekly climate change briefings from officials. They were hugely informative about what's happening in a critical policy area, so I'd like to request some more - specifically all weekly updates to the Minister of Climate Change received during November and December 2017, excluding those already released (Nov 6 and 13).	9(2)(a) Unknown Requested via FYI	18-O-00101	19 February	26 February

8.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Date due to send
Are you able to release the two consultant documents you had done on Market information and market regulation.	9(2)(a) Institutional Commodities - 9(2)(a)	17-D-01687	5 February
LINKED WITH 18-0-00058 Could the Ministry please provide a copy of the presentation to Minister	S 9(2)(a)	18-D-00044	13 February

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Request	Correspondent	Reference	Date due to send
James Shaw on 24 November 2017 regarding the 2050 Target.	National Party 9(2)(a)		
Reports, memos, internal briefings, background notes, thought pieces or other documents shared within the Ministry for Environment for the purposes of preparing for the introduction of new climate change legislation or bills in 2018, such as a Zero Carbon Bill.	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-D-00048	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-O-00054 Information prepared to assess different options for the formation of a Climate Change Commission in New Zealand.	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-D-00049	13 February
Information prepared to assess the merits of a net-zero target for New Zealand methane emissions, since September 23rd.	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-D-00050	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-O-00059 options for the utilisation of revenue raised from the auctioning or selling of New Zealand emissions units.	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-D-00051	13 February
Could I please have any agendas prepared, or meeting notes, from weekly updates held between Ministry for the Environment and the Minister for Climate Change?	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-D-00052	13 February
Could I please have any emails, and attached documents, spreadsheets or presentations, or documents, spreadsheets or presentations attached to meeting invites, received from the	9(2)(a) National Party	18-D-00053	13 February

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Request	Correspondent	Reference	Date due to send
<p>Ministry for Primary Industries relating to different accounting options for emissions and removals from forestry in New Zealand's 2030 or 2050 emissions reduction goals / nationally determined contribution, since September 23rd, and also any email responses to these from the Ministry for the Environment to the Ministry for Primary Industries, and any further responses received from the Ministry for Primary Industries.</p>	<p>S 9(2)(a)</p>		
<p>"We presented a submission according to the consultation document on 'NZs phasedown of HFC's to ratify the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol' in 2017. I note on your website that under the Official Information Act we can request copies of the submissions received."</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Chemiplas NZ Ltd</p>	<p>18-D-00073</p>	<p>21 February</p>
<p>"...copies of all submissions made by stakeholders to the Ministry during consultation on the document Coastal Hazards and Climate Change – Guidance for Local Government in New Zealand which was released last December; and -Copies of any legal or other advice given to Ministers on the effect including a 2m "stress test" for greenfields and other new developments (the test that was originally included in the draft version of the guidance, dated April and leaked by the Green Party last year.)"</p>	<p>9(2)(a) Newsroom</p>	<p>18-D-00082</p>	<p>21 February</p>

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Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 8 February for the week commencing 12 February

Date: 12 February
Time: 2-3pm
Location: Office of the Minister for Climate Change

Attendees: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
 Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
 Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate
 Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
 Janine Smith, Manager, Climate Change Policy
 Paul Alexander, Programme Director, Transition Hub

For item 4 only:
 Cat Wilson, Manager Engagement
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	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross-party engagement - Support from officials for informal Ministerial consultations 	Penny Nelson	10 min
2	Key messages for Ministerial consultation	Janine Smith	10 min
3	APH paper preparation: procedural steps before APH considers papers [ref item 2.2]	Janine Smith	10 min
4	Zero Carbon Bill: Consultation and communications update	Cat Wilson	30 min

Actions from the meeting 7 February

1. MfE To provide draft TOR (CE's Board / Interim CC Committee) for Minister's informal consultations starting week 11 Feb
2. MfE to draft agenda for the Minister's meeting with Johan Rockstrom for his review
3. MfE to provide advice on Minister Parker's cabinet paper on fresh water
4. MfE to amend draft Cabinet paper: consultation section to reflect coalition and cross-party consultation
5. MfE and Office to track all who are consulted on the Cabinet paper
6. MfE to provide elaboration on "a normal hydrological year"
7. MfE to provide advice on responding to Minister Twyford on carbon budgets for transport and housing and other groups (regions; businesses) asking what targets they might set

Upcoming meetings 12 February – 23 February

12 February	MfE Officials meeting
13 February	Hon Mark Field, UK Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific ⁺ Forestry Reference Group with Hon Shane Jones* Jonathan Boston re Article Investing in NZ's Future Wellbeing - Protecting and enhancing our natural capital* Jonathan Boston (TBC)
14 February	Meridian Energy Chair Chris Moller and Chief Executive Neal Barclay Informal consultation with Hon David Parker on Zero Carbon' Bill, the Interim Climate Change Committee and the Public Sector Board of Chief Executives Informal consultation with Hon Grant Robertson on Zero Carbon' Bill, the Interim Climate Change Committee and the Public Sector Board of Chief Executives
15 February	Hugo Group – Speech (Wellington) Ministers Parker, Jones and Sage on forestry Informal consultation with Rt Hon Winston Peters and Jon Johansson on Zero Carbon Bill, the Interim Climate Change Committee and the Public Sector Board of Chief Executives
16 February	Productivity Commission and Geoffrey Heal on transition Hugo Group – Speech (Auckland) Auckland Council on Panuku Development Organisation* (TBC) Gary Taylor Chairman and Chief Executive of the Environmental Defence Society* (Lunch)
19 February	French Ambassador (breakfast) MfE Officials meeting
20 February	Hon Megan Woods: informal consultation on Zero Carbon Bill (call)
21 February	VUW: Pacific Climate Change Conference – Speech* Simon Millar – Pure Advantage

22 February

Green Building Council of New Zealand
New Zealand Steel*
Federated Farmers*
British High Commissioner
Stuart Smith MP, Globe and Zero Carbon Bill consultation
Melanie Seyfort - Trees that Count

*meeting notes will be provided by MfE

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1. Key actions for you to make this week

- **Informal consultations with Hon Parker, Hon Robertson and Rt Hon Peters and Jon Johansson on the Zero Carbon Bill**

2. Material for you to be aware of this week

2.1. New statistics to be published on emissions by industry

On 26 February Statistics NZ are publishing greenhouse gas emissions data by industry. Given that this is the first time this sort of information is to be published we expect this to attract attention from the media and businesses. The new Air Emissions Account reports the emissions intensity (emissions per unit of GDP) for each industry and for households. The Account will be published as part of a wider release of statistics compiled using the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) which was adopted by the United Nations as the international standard for measuring the interactions between the environment and the economy. These indicators will provide useful data for policy and promote public discussion. The Ministry for the Environment worked with Statistics NZ on the reallocation of emissions from the national greenhouse gas inventory into the categories used in national GDP statistics to create the new indicators. The new Air Emissions Account is currently experimental and the greenhouse gas inventory will remain the principal way in which emissions are calculated and accounted for in New Zealand.

2.2. Ministerial and cross-party consultation on the appointment of the Interim Climate Change Committee

Under the operating arrangements of the Coalition and Confidence and Supply Agreements, there is an expectation that, at an early stage, ministers will seek nominations from other parties on significant government appointments through their respective Chiefs of Staff. We recommend that you undertake this process with your ministerial colleagues on the Interim Climate Change Committee membership as soon as practicable, in parallel with the process of inviting suggestions from organisations outside of government in the week of 12 February 2018. In briefing note 18-B-B-04193, we provided you with a list of key ministers with whom you could discuss the Interim Committee membership.

We also recommend, as per Cabinet guidance, that you invite suggestions from other ministers to ensure an appropriate level of representativeness on the Interim Committee, for example, with ministers holding the following portfolios: Women (Hon Julie Anne Genter), Māori Development (Hon Nanaia Mahuta), Pacific Peoples (Hon Aupito William Sio) and Disability Issues (Hon Carmel Sepuloni).

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2.3. Final European Union report on Sustainable Finance released

The European Union High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance has released its final report, setting out a long list of recommendations to reform the European financial system, and encouraging the EU to become the global leader on sustainable finance.

The primary drivers for this report are the Paris Agreement, particularly given that it commits Parties to align financial flows with a pathway towards low-carbon and climate-resilient development, and secondly the environmental challenges and sustainability risks that have led to the formation of the sustainable development goals.

Broadly speaking, the report reaches strong conclusions regarding both the transformative nature of the changes needed to the European financial system; 'Reaching our Paris agreement goals requires no less than a transformation of the entire financial system, its culture, and its incentives', together with the importance of such a transformation for the purposes of responding to climate change; 'Sustainable finance has a key role to play in delivering a 'just transition'.' The priority actions recommended include:

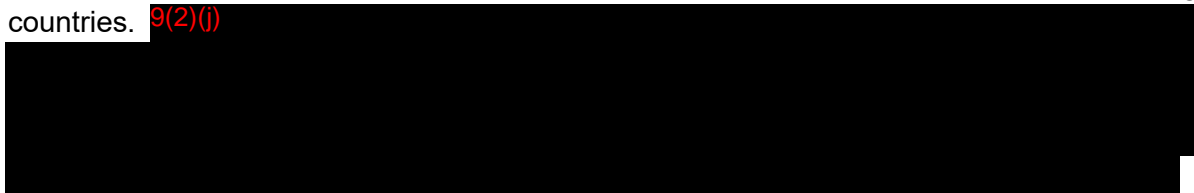
- establish and maintain a common classification system to provide market clarity on what is 'sustainable'
- clarifying the duties of investors
- improving disclosure by financial institutions and companies on how sustainability is factored into their decision-making, starting with climate risks
- key elements of a retail strategy on sustainable finance
- making sustainability part of the mandates of the European financial system Supervisory Authorities and extend the horizon of risk monitoring
- develop and implement official European sustainability standards and labels, starting with green bonds
- establish an institution to support the development of sustainable infrastructure projects across the EU
- governance and leadership – strengthen duties, principles and tests

The High-Level Expert Group also makes recommendations relating to other cross-cutting, institutional and sectoral issues such as natural capital, agriculture and energy efficiency.

This report is noteworthy as the opinion of the High-Level Expert Group is clear: transformational change to the financial system is a key element of a just transition. A number of the recommendations made in the report mirror those made in the 'Climate Finance Landscape for Aotearoa New Zealand' report authored by David Hall and Sam Lindsay. However, we would note that the EU's report has a much wider scope, examining how finance relates to sustainability more broadly, rather than a focus only on 'climate' finance. We are currently organising the launch of the domestic climate finance report.

2.4. Informal Meeting on IMO GHG reduction strategy – London, 1-2 February

Negotiation of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO)'s strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from international shipping continued last week with an informal meeting hosted by the United Kingdom. Discussions confirmed real divergence remains on several areas – in particular differentiation between developed and developing countries. 9(2)(j)



2.5. Sapere & SBN study on the potential for a more circular economy to drive emissions reductions in Auckland

MfE is co-funding, in partnership with Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED), a joint study by the economic consultancy Sapere and the Sustainable Business Network on the potential for a more circular economy for Auckland to drive economic and emissions benefits. This study will contribute to the evidence base on the impacts of a new 2050 emissions target.

The study will assess the possible channels for circularity (e.g. design changes to design waste out, optimising usage via a sharing economy, product life extension, greater recycling as well as improved energy efficiency/renewable energy) and their effects out to 2050. The study approach is two-pronged:

1. applying carbon reduction effects modelled in other regional economies adjusted for Auckland, and
2. a 'bottom' up approach that focuses on Auckland's 'high opportunity' sectors identified by SBN (i.e. construction, food and beverage, tourism and transport) modelled for economic activity and emissions, carbon footprint and material/product waste and reuse/recycling.

2.6. Timeline for Cabinet Paper on UNFCCC Negotiating Mandate

Officials have begun work on drafting a paper for you to take to Cabinet seeking a new international negotiating mandate for the UNFCCC negotiations. With the next UNFCCC negotiating session commencing at the end of April, we are planning for the paper to go to the ENV Cabinet Committee on Tuesday 10 April 2018, for referral to the Cabinet meeting on Monday 16 April 2018. A first draft will be provided for your review by Friday 9 March, and we will prepare brief one-pagers addressing the main negotiating issues for discussion with you in advance of that. A full indicative timeline for the project will be sent to your office on Friday 9 February 2018 for consideration.

2.7. Upcoming Tokyo meetings

Officials will travel to Tokyo in late February to attend the first informal climate change meeting of the year, negotiator workshops and carbon markets meetings. The Japan-Brazil Dialogue (22-23 February) allows candid discussions among chief negotiators and other officials, reflecting on COP23 and flushing out the key issues for the year ahead in which the Paris Agreement Work Programme will be completed. US think tank, Centre for Climate and Energy Solutions has invited New Zealand to participate in a workshop on advancing the post-Paris agenda that will follow on from the Dialogue. Officials will also attend

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meetings of Ministerial Declaration on Carbon Markets to discuss standards and guidelines to ensure environmental integrity in international carbon markets, and the International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development informal forum for UNFCCC Markets negotiators to make progress between formal sessions.

2.8. Invitation to China to participate in the China-New Zealand Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Change

China's National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), the lead agency on climate change, has invited you to China in 2018 to lead the delegation to the China-New Zealand High Level Dialogue on Climate Change. The Dialogue was formally established by the New Zealand-China Climate Change Cooperation Arrangement Memorandum signed by the two countries' leaders in 2014, and the first Ministerial Dialogue to be held in New Zealand in February 2017.

MFAT is exploring dates for timing of a potential visit with your office and with Chinese counterparts.

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MfE climate change adaptation work programme	MfE	Overview of MfE's climate change adaptation programme including scope of work, key milestones and relationship with the wider climate change work programme.

Papers for your 23 February bag

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Briefing attaching updated draft ENV Cabinet Policy Paper	MfE	The briefing will provide an update draft Cabinet ENV paper so that it can be sent to other Ministers for consultation before lodgement with Cabinet Office.
Update report - International Carbon Markets Project	MfE	This briefing provides an update on the ICM project. It includes material on environmental integrity, and options for engaging with both Cabinet colleagues and the public.
2018 March Baseline Update (Climate Change Appropriations)	MfE	To approve and sign the 2018 March Baseline Update submission (Climate Change related appropriations within Vote Environment).

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Ministry of Transport Government Policy Statement – Engagement Draft	MoT	TBC	[REDACTED]

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7. Engagement

7.1. Key issues in the media and social media

Climate change could see extreme weather become the new normal, media reported this week, citing January's record temperatures, recent wildfires, storms and flooding. The Prime Minister said the impact of recent major storms demonstrated the government's huge responsibility to prepare the country for climate change.

Sunday Star Times Business columnist John Berry says a company's carbon footprint is starting to become as important as its profits for assessing a share's value. Another SST article noted Auckland Airport is the first company in Oceania to use a science-based target for achieving its 2025 emissions reductions goal.

NZ Herald columnist Brian Fallow runs through your announcements on Zero Carbon legislation, the establishment of a Climate Commission, and upcoming consultation. The inclusion of forestry in the NZ Emissions Trading Scheme, but not agriculture, has distorted land use decisions, Fallow says, and bringing agriculture into the scheme would ensure those who profit from it don't entirely escape the costs. Forestry and policy changes alone won't be enough to bridge the gap between our Paris commitments and NZ's emissions in the 2020s. There will still be a need for international carbon credits, Fallow says.

Conservation Minister Eugenie Sage has travelled to Antarctica to see the research being done on climate change and conservation.

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8. OIA requests

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A PDF copy of all official information generated by the official information request of mine below about the cost of global warming.	§ 9(2)(a) Unknown	18-O-00027	7 February	13 February
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All advice you have received from officials on a proposed "Zero Carbon Act".	§ 9(2)(a) Act Party	18-O-00037	27 February This request was due on 13 February, but has been extended until 6 March.	Extended: 6 March
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Could the Minister please provide a copy of the Slide-pack for discussion on New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme - forestry and the NZ ETS (4 December 2017).	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2) [REDACTED] (a)	18-O-00057	Provided to your office on 9 February	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-D-00044 Could the Minister please provide a copy of the presentation he received on 24 November 2017 regarding the 2050 Target.	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2) [REDACTED] (a)	18-O-00058	Provided to your office on 9 February	13 February
Could I please have any information prepared or received, since 23rd September 2017, assessing different options for the utilisation of revenue raised from the auctioning or selling of New Zealand emissions units.	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2) [REDACTED] (a)	18-O-00059	6 February Your office provided your response to this requestor on 8 February. At this time you also responded to the following question addressed to the Ministry: <i>...options for the utilisation of revenue raised from the auctioning or selling of New Zealand emissions units.</i>	Closed - Sent
We would like to request copies of the briefings mentioned in this reply to a written question from the Opposition: https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/WQ_09205_2017/13c5be1288fc41b0242d93db5661cb2e66998093 Excluding the BIMs, which are already publicly available. If you are unable to make all the papers immediately available, would you please release those you can straight away which you consider the others. We would also like a copy of this, referred to in	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] Carbon News/Forest & Bird	17-O-01693	This request was provided to your office on 8 January This OIA has been extended to 14 February by your office to allow for consultation between MFE and MFAT.	14 February

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Are you able to release the two consultant documents you had done on Market information and market regulation.	9(2) [REDACTED] Institutional Commodities - 9(2)(a)	17-D-01687	Overdue: 5 February
Reports, memos, internal briefings, background notes, thought pieces or other documents shared within the Ministry for Environment for the purposes of preparing for the introduction of new climate change legislation or bills in 2018, such as a Zero Carbon Bill.	9(2) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2)(a)	18-D-00048	13 February
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Information prepared to assess the merits of a net-zero target for New Zealand methane emissions, since September 23rd.	9(2) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2) (a)	18-D-00050	13 February
Could I please have any agendas prepared, or meeting notes, from weekly updates held between Ministry for the Environment and the Minister for Climate Change?	9(2) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2) (a)	18-D-00052	13 February
Could I please have any emails, and attached documents, spreadsheets or presentations, or documents, spreadsheets or presentations attached to meeting invites, received from the Ministry for Primary Industries relating to different accounting options for emissions and removals from forestry in New Zealand's 2030 or 2050 emissions reduction goals / nationally determined contribution, since September 23rd, and also any email responses to these from the Ministry for the Environment to the Ministry for Primary Industries, and any further responses received from the Ministry for Primary Industries.	9(2) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2) (a)	18-D-00053	13 February
"We presented a submission according to the consultation document on 'NZs phasedown of HFC's to ratify the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol' in 2017. I note on your website that under the Official Information Act we can request copies of the submissions received."	9(2) [REDACTED] Chemiplas NZ Ltd	18-D-00073	21 February

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Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 15 February for the week commencing 19 February

Date: 19 February
Time: 2-3pm
Location: Office of the Minister for Climate Change

Attendees: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
 Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
 Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate
 Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
 Janine Smith, Manager, Climate Change Policy
 Paul Alexander, Programme Director Transition Hub
 Jo Tyndall, Climate Change Ambassador, MFAT

For Item 3 only - § 9(2)(a)- Protection of Natural persons

For Item 4 only - Anna Broadhurst, Climate Change, MFAT

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback and 'so what' from ministerial engagement to date 	Penny Nelson	15 mins
2	Land/Water/Climate Interface	Penny Nelson / Paul Alexander	15 mins
3	Zero Carbon Bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision sequencing Terms of reference – energy component [Briefing Paper Ref 18-B-04296] 	Janine Smith / § 9(2)(a)- Protection of	10 mins
4	WRI's proposals for collaboration with NZ and your indication of comfort with proposed activities (see item 2.4)	Anna Broadhurst	5 mins
5	Update on invitation to visit China	Jo Tyndall	5 mins
6	Standing Item: Your Feedback on the Weekly Update	Roger Lincoln	5 mins
7	Private Secretary	Penny Nelson / Roger Lincoln	5 mins

Actions from the meeting 14 February

- MfE to provide key messages for the Minister's informal ministerial consultation on the March Cabinet paper (Complete)
- MfE to provide additional messages for the meetings with Mins Parker and Hipkins on rates for Committee members (Complete)
- Office to work with MfE on which other Ministers to approach for potential Interim CC Committee names (Complete)
- MfE to provide big picture information on the approach to consultation in 2-3 weeks (To come)

Upcoming meetings 19 February – 2 March

19 February	French Ambassador (breakfast) MfE Officials meeting
20 February	NZ Insurance Council CEO Tim Grafton Hon Megan Woods: informal consultation on Zero Carbon Bill (call)
21 February	VUW: Pacific Climate Change Conference – Speech* Simon Millar – Pure Advantage Green Building Council of New Zealand
22 February	New Zealand Steel* Federated Farmers* Stuart Smith MP, Globe and Zero Carbon Bill consultation Melanie Seyfort - Trees that Count
26 February	MfE Officials meeting
27 February	MFAT: Long-term COP messages and objectives Jill Garing: New Zealand Carbon Farming Sir Jonathon Porritt and Sir Rob Fenwick (dinner)
28 February	Minister Woods – Fossil Fuel Subsidies MFAT: Cabinet paper negotiations mandate MfE & MFAT: International Carbon Markets
1 March	British High Commissioner Budget 2018 consultation (Climate Change)

1. Key actions/decisions for you to make this week

Stage 2 of Ministerial Consultation

- Communicate with other ministers about CE Board and Interim Committee membership

2. Material for you to be aware of this week

2.1. Fonterra / Ministry for the Environment Roadmap partnership update

In November 2017, the Ministry for the Environment partnered with Fonterra on its Roadmap to Transition to a Low Emissions Future (the Roadmap). The Roadmap outlines Fonterra and government actions to work through barriers preventing large industrial users of fossil fuels for process heat, such as Fonterra, transitioning to a low emission, renewable energy future in a cost effective manner.

Fonterra completed their first action under the partnership in December 2017 by developing a roadmap identifying a range of energy efficiency solutions for existing dairy plant processes. It has assessed the technical and economic feasibility of electrification at one of their large dairy processing sites and is in the process of selecting a small processing site (under 10 megawatts) to install New Zealand's first large-scale electrode boiler.

The Ministry and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) have commenced work on the 'social good co-benefits of electrifying process heat project' – an action the Ministry is responsible for under the Roadmap. The report will identify and approximate the potential social good co-benefits of electrifying process heat in New Zealand. This could include: reduced greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel use and transport of fossil fuels; reduced air pollution and reduced waste (ash).

We envision the social good co-benefits will be different for rurally located dairy processing plants (which may have more electricity-sector benefits by flattening seasonal differences in electricity demand) compared to urban heat plant (e.g. in schools, with primarily air quality benefits). For this reason, we will carry out two exploratory studies estimating the co-benefits of a potential transition from coal to electrification of process heat for an urban-located school and a rural dairy processor. The report is due to be completed in March 2018.

We are also looking to establish a governance group with management-level Fonterra and Ministry officials to keep both parties accountable and to raise the ambition of the Roadmap where possible.

We will keep you updated on progress with establishing the governance group and developments with the Roadmap and report.

Fonterra have also indicated that they are keen to meet with you to update you on the progress of the Roadmap; we can work with your office to arrange this.

Do you wish to meet with Fonterra on their Roadmap to Transition to a Low Emissions Future?

Yes

No

2.3. Update on international climate change negotiations Cabinet mandate

As we have already advised, MFAT is leading the drafting of a paper for you to take to Cabinet seeking a new international negotiating mandate for the UNFCCC negotiations. The paper will be considered by the ENV Cabinet Committee on Tuesday 10 April 2018, for referral to the Cabinet meeting on Monday 16 April 2018. MFAT will prepare brief one-pagers addressing the main negotiating issues, and these will be submitted to your office on Friday 16 and Friday 23 February in advance of a meeting between you and MFAT on Wednesday 28 February. A first draft of the Cabinet paper will be provided for your review by Friday 9 March.

2.4. Opportunities to showcase climate leadership

Influential global research organisation, the World Resources Institute, has suggested collaboration with New Zealand to build momentum for countries to take ambitious climate action. The intention is to use a cohort of dynamic countries leading by example to build recognition that tackling climate change makes economic and social sense. In particular, WRI wishes to raise the international profile of the Government's plans for ambitious and concrete climate action as an example of innovative climate leadership. Two op-ed opportunities have been identified. The first proposal is that the Prime Minister, timed with her trip to Europe, releases an op-ed around the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting aimed at the British press. This can be translated into French and German, published in tandem with her visits to France and Germany, and followed up with an interview with the German press. It is also proposed that you write a second op-ed, jointly with a Dutch minister, timed with the World Bank Spring Meetings (20-22 April Washington DC) targeting the US media. WRI will assist with placing the op-eds in high profile publications. WRI has also suggested New Zealand co-host a press briefing on the need for ambitious climate action, Withhold under s6(a), avoid prejudicing international relations. These countries haven't all agreed to participate yet., in the margins of the World Bank meetings and has suggested these countries consider a COP24 side event showcasing 'climate ambition'. MFAT officials wish to discuss these opportunities with you next week so as to provide feedback to WRI and expedite progress.

2.5. Second Pacific Climate Change Conference

The Second Pacific Climate Change Conference will be held from 21-23 February at Te Papa, hosted by the Victoria University of Wellington and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme. It will bring together communities, governments, businesses, non-governmental organisations, and academia from the Pacific region and beyond to present on climate change issues. In particular, sessions during the Conference will cover perspectives on climate change science, and how policy-makers and the public can respond to mitigation and adaptation challenges.

The first Pacific Climate Change Conference was held in February 2016 following the negotiation of the Paris Agreement.

You are delivering a 5-10 minute opening address on the morning of the first day of the Conference. We are working with MFAT on providing speaking notes to your Office to draw on in preparing your speech, which will be a chance to highlight New Zealand's domestic climate change action and Pacific connections.

2.6. European Parliament passes Energy Directive to Member States, including Friends of Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform

The EU Parliament has passed a package of decisions on energy and governance which will guide the EU's zero-carbon transition, including reporting requirements on phasing out fossil fuel subsidies. The biannual State of the Energy Union report will contain Member States' progress towards phasing out direct and indirect fossil fuel subsidies by 2020, and Member States also have to include in their National Energy and Climate Plans national policies, timelines and measures planned to phase out indirect and indirect fossil fuel subsidies by 2020.

2.7. Nature Article on Friends of Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform

Recent research by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (published in the journal *Nature*) claims "removing fossil subsidies would only slightly slow the growth of CO2 emissions, with the result that by 2030 they would only be 1-5% lower than if subsidies had been maintained". The research attributes this finding in part to fossil fuel subsidies being generally applied to oil, gas and electricity; with removing these subsidies potentially increasing use of coal. Previous OECD and IEA research indicates that removing subsidies could remove global CO2 emissions by up to 10% by 2050. Notwithstanding the different timeframes of these studies, a result of 1-5% reduction in global CO2 by 2030 would be an important contribution towards filling the short-term ambition gap.

The study also claims focusing on subsidy removal in "richer oil and gas exporting regions" would provide "significantly greater emissions savings and have a less detrimental impact on the poor". This is somewhat at odds with other studies that note the poor do not tend to be the greatest beneficiaries of fossil fuel subsidies (in 2010, only 8% of the world's fossil fuel consumption subsidies reached the poorest 20% of people). The report authors conclude: "We're not saying: don't get rid of subsidies, we're saying that we need to be aware that it might have less of an effect than hoped, and it could have a disproportionately large effect on the poor". The research will, in combination with other research, continue to inform the work of the Friends of Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform and reinforces the need for well-designed policies to ensure the poor are not disadvantaged by reform of fossil fuel subsidies. The Friends of Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform advocate careful design of subsidy reform so as avoid restricting access to basic energy services or increasing poverty.

2.8. Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform event

Conclusion of the Paris Agreement Work Programme at COP24 in Katowice is expected to create a galvanizing political moment on climate change. To focus political attention on the benefits of fossil fuel subsidy reform (FFSR), MFAT is working with other members of the Friends (of FFSR) group to develop options for a COP24 side event. Our inclination is to both profile the benefits of FFSR and develop a practical, one-stop shop 'tool-kit' for countries interested in reviewing their fossil fuel subsidies. Switzerland is concurrently working on a French-language event to French-speaking Africa. In consulting you on the forthcoming Cabinet Paper on the negotiation mandate we can discuss how New Zealand can best support the reform effort through the UNFCCC over the course of this year. We will also prepare a briefing outlining the options for focus and design of a side event once we have held further discussions with the Friends group.

2.9. Update on International Maritime Organisation Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy

The IMO is scheduled to adopt an interim strategy on reducing emissions from international shipping at its next meeting in April this year. Countries are invited to submit proposals for completing the strategy by the end of this week. New Zealand will co-sponsor a paper prepared by Canada advocating implementation of measures to encourage emission reductions as soon as possible. Some countries prefer the IMO does not implement measures until 2023, after the strategy has been reviewed and finalised. MFAT and the Ministry of Transport are also considering co-sponsorship of papers developed by the Shipping High Ambition Coalition and a coalition of Pacific Island Countries. Both papers advocate an ambitious and effective interim strategy that reflects the spirit of the *Tony de Brum Declaration on Shipping* which New Zealand signed at last December's Paris Climate Summit. The Ministry of Transport is taking the lead on seeking a negotiating mandate from Ministers for the April IMO session, and MFAT will update your office as this work progresses.

3. Upcoming briefings 19 February – 2 March

Papers for your 23 February bag

Issue or event	Lead	Further information
Briefing attaching updated draft ENV Cabinet policy paper and terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee	MfE	The briefing will provide updated versions of the draft Cabinet ENV paper and terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee, to be sent to other ministers for consultation before lodgement with Cabinet Office.
Update report - International Carbon Markets Project	MfE	This briefing provides an update on the ICM project. It includes material on environmental integrity, and options for engaging with both Cabinet colleagues and the public.
2018 March Baseline Update (Climate Change Appropriations)	MfE	To approve and sign the 2018 March Baseline Update submission (Climate Change related appropriations within Vote Environment).

Papers for your 2 March bag

Issue or event	Lead	Further information
Briefing attaching updated Interim Committee membership shortlist and first draft APH Cabinet paper	MfE	The briefing will provide an updated shortlist for the Interim Committee membership and a first draft paper for the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH) for your feedback at the officials meeting on 5 March 2018.
Opportunities for alignment of urban and climate work programmes	MfE	Briefing jointly developed by MBIE, MOT and MfE setting out opportunities to align the climate and urban work programmes. Follows briefing 2017-B-04060 and meeting held between Ministers in December 2017 To be sent to portfolios: Housing and Urban Development & Transport, Climate Change, Energy and Resources, Transport, Environment & Economic Development, Building and Construction.
Covering note for LEG Committee paper on NZ Aluminium Smelters allocative baseline update	MfE	Describes the reasons for changes to the allocative baseline for NZAS, and the impacts of those changes
Sustainable Wealth Creation Event 13 March 2018	MfE	Information to support your attendance at the 13 March 2018 Sustainable Wealth Creation Event with private and public sector leaders.

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our suggested timeframes
Terms of reference for Interim Climate Change Committee and Climate Change Public Sector Chief Executive's Board	ENV	Reports back to Cabinet (due 28 February 2018) on the terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee, public sector climate change board of Chief Executives, and the timing and sequencing of key government decisions on priority climate change matters	Lodge with Cabinet Office 10am 15 March 2018 ENV 20 March 2018 Cabinet 26 March 2018
Membership of Interim Climate Change Committee	APH	Confirms membership for the Interim Climate Change Committee	Lodge with Cabinet Office 26 March 2018 (following Cabinet agreement to ENV paper – requires seeking extension from the Cabinet Office to its 10am 22 March deadline for lodging papers) APH 28 March 2018 Cabinet 3 April 2018
Update to Rate of Allocation to the NZ Aluminium Smelter	LEG	Seeks approval of regulation amendments that update the NZAS allocative baseline	Lodge with Cabinet Office on 15 th March LEG 22 March Cabinet 26 March

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5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
Screening of Forestry Land and Forestry Rights under the Overseas Investment Act (TBC)	TSY	DEV	<p>9(2)(f)(iv)</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>
Climate Change International Negotiating Mandate	(MFAT)	ENV (10 th April)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seeks approval for an updated negotiating mandate and New Zealand engagement in the UNFCCC in 2018. - MFAT is submitting preparatory papers to seek your direction on key issues and will meet with you on 28 February to discuss your feedback. You will receive the draft paper the week commencing 5 March, and MFAT will meet with you on 13 March to discuss your feedback. - MfE's thoughts are being collated

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7. Engagement

7.1. Key issues in the media and social media

James Renwick and Dr Rhian Salmon wrote an article for Newsroom calling for NZ to be global leaders in climate change. They highlighted that we need to get emissions on a downward path no later than 2020 and to zero around 2050.

Newshub reported that NZ will need to abandon some coastal areas and make decisions about which areas to protect and which areas to retreat from. 14 out of 17 of our largest towns are coastal and 137,000 buildings in the Auckland region are at risk of flooding.

An item on Nine to Noon on Radio NZ covered the dangers of coastal erosion. Technical experts discussed the need to be proactive, be clear about roles and responsibilities and have a plan for sea level rise.

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The briefing which the Minister has received, referred to at para 27 of his paper, regarding the range of impacts on carbon storage which the Billion Trees programme could provide by 2030	s 9(2)(a)	18-O-00307	28 February	7 March
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I request a PDF copy of any advice you provided to your minister in the life of the last parliament on the economic cost of climate change as measured as a percentage of GDP both in New Zealand and globally.	S 9(2)(a)	18-D-00214	5 March

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 Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
 Paul Alexander, Programme Director Transition Hub
 Janine Smith, Manager, Climate Change Policy

For item 3: § 9(2)(a)- Protection of Natural persons

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	- Introduction - Names suggested from external organisations	Penny Nelson	20min
2	- Zero Carbon Bill: - Your feedback on Interim Committee terms of reference - Process for APH paper	Janine Smith	20min
3	- Carbon Budgets	Paul Alexander / § 9(2)(a)- Protection of	10 min
4	- Standing item: weekly report	Roger Lincoln	5 min

Actions

- MfE to provide updated timeline for ZCA, ETS, CCRA process (subject to conversations with the Office about detail needed) to share cross-party and to stakeholders
- Private Secretary to talk to EDS about agriculture and the ETS thinking they have been doing and provide any information to MfE
- MfE to provide brief for meeting with Todd Muller (meeting now scheduled for Wednesday evening 28 Feb)
- MfE to provide updated Cabinet paper for the weekend bag
- MfE to provide more information on turn off incentive regarding electricity

Upcoming meetings 19 February – 2 March

- 26 February** Aaron Hawkins and Bernie Cotter re ICLE – placeholder only
MFE Officials
Minister's meeting regarding letter from Grant Rosewarne, CEO King Salmon
- 27 February** MFAT on Long term COP messages and Objectives
Jill Garing, NZ Carbon Farming*
Minister O'Conner
Dinner with Sir Jonathon Porritt, Sir Rob Fenwick and Vicky Robertson – Sustainable Wealth Creation Initiative*
- 28 February** Minister Wood re Fossil Fuels
MFAT on Negotiating Mandate
MFAT and MFE International Carbon Markets Meeting
Minister Jones
Todd Muller*
- 1 March** British High Commissioner
MFAT Officials
Ministerial Consultation on Budget 2018 Decisions - Natural Resources
Minister's Group
Nigel Brunel**

*meeting notes will be provided by MfE

+ meeting notes will be provided by MFAT

1. Key decisions for you to make this week

- a. Provide feedback on the terms of reference for the interim Committee (as per meeting agenda)
- b. Begin formal consultation with Cabinet colleagues on the terms of reference for the interim Committee Cabinet paper from Wednesday 28th

2. Material for you to be aware of this week

2.1. Process for 2018 NZ ETS regulations updates

Various regulations of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 are amended each year to ensure emission factors are up to date and to make other improvements that have resulted from engagement and analysis over the previous year. You will be asked to take the following papers to Cabinet as part of this year's process:

- Approval of policy changes in-principle and release of a public consultation paper (Environment Committee, in late April);
- Final policy decisions and approval to issue drafting instructions to the PCO (Environment Committee, in July); and
- Approval to submit amendment regulations to the Executive Council (Legislative, in September).

MPI is undertaking a similar process towards various technical updates to the forestry regulations.

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2.2. Meeting on the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform

Nordic countries and the Nordic Council of Ministers are hosting an Informal Meeting on the (UNFCCC) Local Communities and Indigenous People Platform (Platform) in Helsinki, Finland from 27-28 February. The Meeting will bring together country and indigenous peoples representatives to help facilitate a way forward for the Platform at UNFCCC negotiations in Bonn in April 2018. The COP23 negotiations agreed the functions of the Platform and that its next step would be a multi-stakeholder workshop on delivering these, but consensus was not reached on the establishment of a formal working group or the modalities of the Platform's workplan. ^{S 9(2)(a)}

However, due to late notice of the meeting and competing priorities, no New Zealand officials will attend. We will follow up with like-minded attendee countries after the meeting to provide you with an update on any significant outcomes.

2.3. Meeting with the Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group

We have proposed that a meeting between you, Ministers Parker, Mahuta, Davis and the Pou Taiao Iwi Leaders Group (ILG) be scheduled post Cabinet consideration of the Freshwater Cabinet papers. The purpose of this meeting would be to:

- Outline the Crown's approach to restoring New Zealand's waterways for this term of Government;
- Updates and forward work programmes for Climate Change and Biodiversity;
- Upcoming regional hui; and
- Discuss the relationship with the Pou Taiao ILG going forward.

We will work with your office in setting a meeting date and provide you with a briefing once the meeting has been scheduled.

S 9(2)(f)(iv)- Active consideration

The Treasury, in conjunction with an Independent Expert Advisory Panel and the Reserve Bank, is reviewing the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Act 1989. We understand that the purpose of the review is to create a modern monetary and financial policy framework.

S 9(2)(f)(iv)- Active consideration

2.5. Memorandum of Understanding with Tokelau

New Zealand officials have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tokelau officials (Climate Change Programme) as part of extending New Zealand's ratification of the Paris Agreement to include Tokelau. Agreeing the MOU is a first major step to include Tokelau in New Zealand's international climate change reporting. Delivering on this MOU means that New Zealand's greenhouse gas inventory would include greenhouse gas estimates from Tokelau. Officials from the Ministry for the Environment will continue to work with Tokelau on fulfilling these reporting requirements under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.

2.6. SDG7 Conference - Friends Side Event - Energy Access and Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform

New Zealand Ambassador to Thailand Peter Rider will open a FFSR side event, 'Financing and accelerating sustainable energy access through fossil fuel subsidy reform' at the SDG 7 Conference (themed "Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all") in Bangkok, 21 February 2018. This side event organised by the Friends of Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform group identifies the opportunities for financing and delivering sustainable energy access for all through fossil fuel subsidy reform. Speakers include Norway (fellow Friend), Global Subsidies Initiative and representatives from energy/environment think-tanks.

2.7. Climate Change Ambassador invited to speak at New Zealand Environmental Management Conference

Climate Change Ambassador Jo Tyndall has been invited to be a speaker at the New Zealand Environmental Management conference in Wellington on 11-12 April 2018. The conference's focus will include mitigating climate change, coastal erosion, sustainable business and agriculture. Ambassador Tyndall has been asked to present on the topic of New Zealand's leadership on climate change, including the transition to a low-carbon economy and support for the Pacific region. MFAT proposes to accept the invitation and will share speaking notes with your office in advance.

2.8. EU's invitation for New Zealand to join the Clean Energy Ministerial

The EU's Director-General for Energy has made a strong pitch to New Zealand's Ambassador in Brussels for New Zealand to consider joining the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM). The CEM's purpose is to promote policies, best practices and undertakes joint initiatives that improve energy efficiency and increase the uptake of clean energy. It is underpinned by a series of concrete sectoral work programmes. Agreement to co-lead an initiative is the price of admission. New Zealand is considering taking on the Electric Vehicles Initiative. MFAT, MfE, MBIE and MoT officials are considering the invitation through an interagency consultation process.

2.9. Update on climate migration policy processes

MFAT officials are working with MBIE, MPP and MfE to prepare advice for Cabinet on New Zealand's response to Pacific climate migration. You will have received an update on this process from the office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs which contains further detail on the policy response currently under development. Officials plan to recommend a multifaceted New Zealand response to Pacific climate migration that canvasses regional, multilateral, legal,

development and immigration actions. The draft Cabinet Paper outlining a New Zealand response to Pacific climate migration will be submitted to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in March and consulted with other Ministers, including you. It is expected that the paper will be presented to the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee on 10 April.

2.10. Japanese invitation to Transparency Partnership Workshop

New Zealand has been invited to attend the Scoping Workshop on the Partnership to Strengthen Transparency for Co-Innovation (PaSTI), organised by Japan, the World Resources Institute and the Global Environment Facility. The Partnership was launched at COP23, with the aim of enabling the national and local governments, as well as the private sector, to improve their monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions. The initiative was pitched to you by the Japanese Minister during your bilateral meeting at COP23, and it was agreed that New Zealand would consider engagement in the course of continuing working closely with Japan on transparency. MFAT officials are currently in contact with the Japanese embassy to confirm who is attending in order to consider appropriate New Zealand attendance.

2.11 Update on the Talanoa Dialogue – process for 2018

The Talanoa Dialogue (TD) was launched at COP23 as a year-long process comprising a preparatory phase and political event at COP24. This week the Fijian Presidency has released an outline of the process. The first phase will involve Parties (and non-party stakeholders) convening 'local, national, regional or global events' in support of the TD, as well as submissions from Parties. These inputs will form the basis of a report that will be discussed at the April/May meetings of the UNFCCC, at which information on the remainder of the TD process will be made available. That will include the TD's political phase, in which Ministers and potentially leaders will be invited to participate. MFAT will provide your office with more information as expectations for the political phase become clearer. MFAT will also provide advice on New Zealand's engagement in the preparatory phase; Withhold under s6(a), avoid prejudicing international relations. Fiji is convening a

2.12. Additional negotiation session

The agenda for next week's meeting of the UNFCCC Bureau (which Ambassador Tyndall will attend as APA co-chair) has now been released. This indicates provision arrangements have been made by the secretariat for a possible additional negotiating session on the Paris Agreement Work Programme on 31 August to 8 September in Bangkok. We judge this additional time to be critical for successful conclusion of the work programme. If the Bureau approves these arrangements, as is expected, agreement to the additional meeting will be sought from Parties at the regular negotiation session scheduled for 30 April to 10 May.

2.13. International Civil Aviation Organisation: Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme: Consultation on Standards

Standards and procedures for operationalising the market based mechanism adopted by ICAO in 2016 are nearing finalisation. Withhold under 9(2)(b)(ii), prejudice to the commercial position of another party.

Next week
New Zealand will make a submission supporting retention of criteria that encourage environmental integrity. MoT, the lead agency on engagement with ICAO, intends to provide you, together with other ministers, a '101' paper explaining the scheme and its implications for New Zealand. S 9(2)(f)(iv) - Active consideration

2.14 Climate Action Pacific Partnership

The Embassy in Suva has learned from the COP23 Secretariat there will be two Climate Action Partnership events this year. The first will be a 'technical' CAPP on 15 – 16 March in Suva and will be a technical meeting which will be for the thematic working groups already constituted (i.e. constituted at CAPP in July 2017 attended by then Minister Bennett and Ambassador Tyndall). The stated intention is to keep alive the network of information sharing established at the first. This technical CAPP will be preceded by a Pacific workshop on the proposed NDC Hub 12 - 14 March. This workshop is intended to bring together senior officials to discuss the enhancement of Pacific NDCs. There will be a second 'Political' CAPP on 26 - 27 July, again most likely in Suva. This will be very akin to the CAPP in 2017: one part a PSIDS Leaders meeting and the other part wider CAPP. The key issues for this CAPP will be around 'how we can do more with PSIDS'. The Secretariat is keen to secure New Zealand ministerial attendance. MFAT will provide your office with more information as it becomes available.

3. Upcoming briefings 19 February – 2 March

Papers for your 23 February bag

Issue or event	Lead	Further information
Briefing attaching updated draft ENV Cabinet Policy Paper on the interim Committee terms of reference	MfE	The briefing will provide an updated draft Cabinet ENV paper on the interim Committee terms of reference so that it can be sent to other Ministers for consultation before lodgement with Cabinet Office.
Response to request for information on carbon budgets and work underway to prepare for them	MfE	Briefing responds to a request for advice on carbon budgets, and the role of carbon budgets in meeting targets. It provides you with background on carbon budgets, the considerations required to adapt them to the New Zealand context, and actions that can be undertaken now to prepare for setting budgets.
Briefing in advance of meeting with Professor Johan Rockstrom on 10 April 2018	MfE	Professor Rockstrom is a key figure in the development of the planetary boundaries framework and will be visiting Wellington to engage with leaders in government agencies and business.
Sustainable Wealth Creation Event 13 March 2018	MfE	Information to support your attendance at the 13 March 2018 Sustainable Wealth Creation Event with private and public sector leaders
Publication of two reports on the NZ ETS market	MfE	Briefing advising you of MfE's intention to publish two reports on the NZ ETS market: market governance and the provision of information to the market.

Papers for your 2 March bag

Issue or event	Lead	Further information
Covering note for LEG Committee paper on NZ Aluminium Smelters allocative baseline update	MfE	Describes the reasons for changes to the allocative baseline for NZAS, and the impacts of those changes.
Opportunities for alignment of urban and climate work programmes	MfE	Briefing jointly developed by MBIE, MOT and MfE setting out opportunities to align the climate and urban work programmes. Follows briefing 2017-B-04060 and meeting held between Ministers in December 2017 To be sent to portfolios: Housing and Urban Development & Transport, Climate Change, Energy and Resources, Transport, Environment & Economic Development, Building and Construction.
S 9(2)(iv)- Active consideration [REDACTED]	MfE	S 9(2)(iv)- Active consideration [REDACTED]

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our suggested timeframes
Terms of reference for Interim Climate Change Committee and Climate Change Public Sector Chief Executive's Board	ENV	Reports back to Cabinet (due 28 February 2018) on the terms of reference for the Interim Climate Change Committee, public sector climate change board of Chief Executives, and the timing and sequencing of key decisions.	Lodge with Cabinet Office 10am 15 March 2018 ENV 20 March 2018 Cabinet 26 March 2018
Update to Rate of Allocation to the NZ Aluminium Smelter	LEG	Seeks approval of regulation amendments that update the NZAS allocative baseline.	Lodge with Cabinet Office on 15 March LEG 22 March Cabinet 26 March
Membership of Interim Climate Change Committee	APH	Confirms membership for the Interim Climate Change Committee.	Lodge with Cabinet Office 26 March 2018 (following Cabinet agreement to ENV paper – requires seeking extension from the Cabinet Office to its 10am 22 March deadline for lodging papers) APH 28 March 2018 Cabinet 3 April 2018

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our suggested timeframes
Climate Change International Negotiating Mandate	ENV	Seeks approval for an updated negotiating mandate and New Zealand engagement in the UNFCCC in 2018	<p>MFAT submitted 2 tranches of preparatory papers to seek your direction on key issues 16 and 23 February and will meet with you on 28 February to discuss your feedback.</p> <p>Draft paper received week of 5 March, and MFAT will meet with you on 13 March to discuss your feedback.</p> <p>ENV 10 April 2018</p> <p>Cabinet 16 April 2018</p>

5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
Overseas Investment in Forestry	Treasury	DEV	<p>9(2)(f)(iv)</p> 

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7. Engagement

7.1. Key issues in the media and social media

- Media coverage on the destruction caused by Cyclone Gita has included links to climate change. Victoria University's Hon Luamanuvao Winnie Laban argues that Pacific nations on the frontline of climate change can't rely on the big nations to look out for them, in the first of a series of Newsroom articles covering the Pacific Climate Change Conference. "What we need is people of the Pacific to have a talanoa, a conversation, and find our own solutions."
- Herald on Sunday business columnist Liam Dann says risks posed by extreme weather events are now ranked the most serious threat to the global economy by the World Economic Forum. The economies and businesses that will cope best are the ones that remain agile, adaptable and embrace change.
- Stuff.co.nz reported that Matata landowners have been "left in limbo" after Bay of Plenty Regional Council agreed to the proposal by Whakatane District Council to initiate a plan change that will prohibit residential activity in the Awatarariki Fanhead at Matatā after March 2021. The article reported that "the plan change was proposed after \$1.2 million was spent investigating how to mitigate safety concerns to residents unsuccessfully".
- Greenpeace NZ's Amanda Larsson told RadioLive they've asked for clarification from you on Genesis Energy's announcement that it wants to keep using coal for power generation until 2030. She questions why we don't follow South Australia's lead, where they worked with Tesla to develop a large lithium battery to cover short fall.
- Five Generation Zero activists are cycling from Auckland to Wellington, stopping in towns along the way, to promote community discussion about climate change and the Zero Carbon Act. The group arrives at Parliament on 1 March. The cycle tour is the first of a series of initiatives the group has planned before consultation on the Zero Carbon Bill starts in May.
- Bans around the world on single use plastic items such as carrier bags will dent, but not stop, growth in demand for crude oil over the next two decades, according to oil and gas firm BP, with demand peaking in the late 2030s, The Guardian reports. Other experts and oil companies see demand peaking much earlier as governments' climate change policies and new technologies begin to bite; for instance, a Fitch report says demand could peak in 2030 because of electric vehicles.
- The next step to make Hawke's Bay's coastline resilient and protect communities from an expected 1.5m sea-level rise in the next century has been taken with Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Hazard Strategy 2120 joint committee's endorsement of a report outlining preferred solutions for nine of its coastal areas. The committee's unanimous recommendation that the Napier City, Hastings District and Hawke's Bay Regional Councils endorse and adopt the recommendations and begin stage four (implementation) of the strategy was greeted with applause from volunteers, mana whenua, representatives from coastal communities and business interests at the meeting. . The development of this strategy is consistent with the Ministry's updated guidance on Coastal Hazards and Climate Change, thanks to the collaborative approach we adopted with stakeholders while developing the guidance.

8. OIA requests

8.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
Could you please advise me the total revenue/tax in its various forms that under the previous National government where collected as a carbon revenue/tax and where those same taxes were sent or spent.	S 9(2)(a)	18-O-00061	26 January	2 February
Any information held regarding climate control/engineering projects the New Zealand Government is/has been/or plans to be involved in if any. My request extends to such programmes the New Zealand Government may be aware of inside its territorial boundary. My use of the term climate control projects relates to such programmes as carbon sequestration (carbon dioxide removal), oceanic seeding and solar radiation management for the purpose of climate change mitigation	S 9(2)(a)	18-O-00019	6 February	13 February
All advice you have received from officials on a proposed "Zero Carbon Act".	S 9(2)(a) Act Party	18-O-00037	6 February	13 February

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Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
LINKED WITH 18-D-00049 Could the Minister please provide any information prepared to assess different options for the formation of a Climate Change Commission in New Zealand?	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00054	6 February	13 February
Could the Minister please provide the two briefings produced by the Ministry for Primary Industries on 16 November 2017 and 4 December 2017, which were forwarded to the Minister by Hon Shane Jones, Minister for Forestry.	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00056	6 February	13 February
Could the Minister please provide a copy of the Slide-pack for discussion on New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme - forestry and the NZ ETS (4 December 2017).	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00057	6 February	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-D-00044 Could the Minister please provide a copy of the presentation he received on 24 November 2017 regarding the 2050 Target.	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00058	6 February	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-D-00051 Could I please have any information prepared or received, since 23rd September 2017, assessing different options for the utilisation of revenue raised from the	9(2)(a) National Party 9(2)(a)	18-O-00059	6 February	13 February

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Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
<p>auctioning or selling of New Zealand emissions units.</p>				
<p>We would like to request copies of the briefings mentioned in this reply to a written question from the Opposition:</p> <p>https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/WQ_09205_2017/13c5be1288fc41b0242d93db5661cb2e66998093</p> <p>Excluding the BIMs, which are already publicly available. If you are unable to make all the papers immediately available, would you please release those you can straight away which you consider the others. We would also like a copy of this, referred to in written question 9160: Todd Muller to the Climate Change (Minister - James Shaw) (20 Nov 2017): What briefings did the Minister receive on 14 November 2017? Hon James Shaw (Climate Change (Minister - James Shaw)) replied: Verbal briefing from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to update me on progress in the COP23 climate change negotiations, my programme for the</p>	<p>9(2)(a) [REDACTED] Carbon News/Forest & Bird</p>	<p>17-O-01693</p>	<p>23 January</p> <p>This OIA has been extended to 14 February by your office to allow for consultation between MFE and MFAT.</p>	<p>14 February</p>

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Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
day including my attendance and participation at key events, bilateral meetings and logistical matters. Written joint MPI briefing - Opportunity to develop and trial a private afforestation fund.				
On January 17 you released via FYI two of your weekly climate change briefings from officials. They were hugely informative about what's happening in a critical policy area, so I'd like to request some more - specifically all weekly updates to the Minister of Climate Change received during November and December 2017, excluding those already released (Nov 6 and 13).	9(2)(a) Unknown Requested via FYI	18-O-00101	19 February	26 February

8.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Date due to send
Are you able to release the two consultant documents you had done on Market information and market regulation.	9(2)(a) Institutional Commodities - 9(2)(a)	17-D-01687	5 February
LINKED WITH 18-0-00058 Could the Ministry please provide a copy of the presentation to Minister James Shaw on 24 November 2017 regarding the 2050 Target.	9(2)(a) National Party	18-D-00044	13 February

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Request	Correspondent	Reference	Date due to send
	S 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]		
Reports, memos, internal briefings, background notes, thought pieces or other documents shared within the Ministry for Environment for the purposes of preparing for the introduction of new climate change legislation or bills in 2018, such as a Zero Carbon Bill.	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]	18-D-00048	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-O-00054 Information prepared to assess different options for the formation of a Climate Change Commission in New Zealand.	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]	18-D-00049	13 February
Information prepared to assess the merits of a net-zero target for New Zealand methane emissions, since September 23rd.	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]	18-D-00050	13 February
LINKED WITH 18-O-00059 options for the utilisation of revenue raised from the auctioning or selling of New Zealand emissions units.	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]	18-D-00051	13 February
Could I please have any agendas prepared, or meeting notes, from weekly updates held between Ministry for the Environment and the Minister for Climate Change?	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]	18-D-00052	13 February
Could I please have any emails, and attached documents, spreadsheets or presentations, or documents, spreadsheets or presentations attached to meeting invites, received from the Ministry for Primary Industries relating to different accounting options for emissions and	9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]	18-D-00053	13 February

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Request	Correspondent	Reference	Date due to send
removals from forestry in New Zealand's 2030 or 2050 emissions reduction goals / nationally determined contribution, since September 23rd, and also any email responses to these from the Ministry for the Environment to the Ministry for Primary Industries, and any further responses received from the Ministry for Primary Industries.	S 9(2)(a)		
<p>"...copies of all submissions made by stakeholders to the Ministry during consultation on the document Coastal Hazards and Climate Change – Guidance for Local Government in New Zealand which was released last December; and</p> <p>-Copies of any legal or other advice given to Ministers on the effect including a 2m "stress test" for greenfields and other new developments (the test that was originally included in the draft version of the guidance, dated April and leaked by the Green Party last year.)"</p>	9(2)(a) Newsroom	18-D-00082	7 March

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Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 1 March for the week commencing 5 March 2018

Actions from the previous meeting

1. Consider the possibility of six members of the Interim Committee within the current budget
2. Sound out the Minister's preferred nominees for their availability
3. Prepare a letter to Minister Hipkins on Committee remuneration
4. Sound out the Iwi Leaders' Group on the Minister's proposed nominee
5. s 9(2)(i) [REDACTED]
6. Prepare a longer document for with an overview of the Zero Carbon Bill for ministerial consultation s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]
7. Provide advice on a budget or target for the transport sector

The office to set up meetings:

8. To discuss work that would be required to consider farm-level point of obligation
9. For deeper conversations on the policy issues within the Zero Carbon Bill

Upcoming meetings 5 March – 16 March

12 March	Church Leaders MFE Officials (1.45 – 3.45pm) Stephen Batstone
13 March	Stephen Ihaka (TBC) MFAT Officials Beef & Lamb and Meat Industry Association
14 March	New Zealand Downstream Energy Conference - Speech Stephen Tindall and John McCarthy
15 March	Visit to Icehouse Westpac EDS Event - Panel
16 March	Mayor Phil Goff Jo Tyndall – catch up Volvo Ocean Race Stop Over - Speech

1. Key decisions for you to make this week

1.1 Provide feedback on updated APH paper in relation to membership of the Interim Climate Change Committee

1.2 Send letter to Minister Hipkins on Committee Remuneration

2. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic issues

2.1. Additional Select Committee Annual Review Questions

On 22 February the Ministry appeared before the Environment Select Committee at our Annual Review hearing. On 26 February we were issued with 15 additional questions, further to those we copied to your office on 20 February.

Unlike the standard annual review questions which focus on the 2016-17 financial year, the additional questions address our current and forthcoming work programme (a full list can be found attached to this report).

Because a number of these relate to current work you have commissioned we will share our draft responses with your office on 5 March for their information before they are finalised and sent to the Committee on 8 March.

2.2. Letter from the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment

On 22 February 2018, Simon Upton wrote to Vicky Robertson and Liz McPherson to provide commentary on *Our atmosphere and climate 2017* and to outline the Commissioner's general approach to his commentary role.

The Commissioner agrees with the previous PCE's recommendation that the environmental reporting system be reviewed and suggests that the review would be best conducted in 2019, after the synthesis report is released. To support this review, the Commissioner intends to produce an assessment of the reporting system, and in the meantime, will continue to comment on domain reports as they are produced.

The Commissioner says that *'the report generally performs well'*, and notes that there are some areas of the report where more information could be required, such as the section on New Zealand's domestic emissions.

The Commissioner also makes three recommendations for MfE and Statistics NZ environmental reporting in general based on his assessment:

1. Develop criteria for the selection of social and economic pressure indicators and include them in the *Good Practice Guide for Environmental Reporting*.
2. Develop principles and guidance for when existing models can be drawn upon, and when models or other analyses will be commissioned as part of environmental reporting and include these in the *Good Practice Guide for Environmental Reporting*.
3. Ensure that science-based performance indicators are used in preference to policy-based indicators, and protocols are developed to deal with the effects of changes in threshold levels or calculation methods to ensure continuity and consistency of the indicator.

The Ministry is working on a response to this letter and will address the points raised.

2.3. Scion's Biofuels Roadmap

Scion (a Crown Research Institute specialising in forestry research) released its New Zealand Biofuels Roadmap (the Roadmap) on 26 February 2017. The Roadmap outlines pathways for large-scale biofuel production to make up 30 percent of New Zealand's liquid fuels by 2050. The study illustrates that biofuel production is possible but not profitable under current fossil fuel and carbon prices - biofuels become more attractive if these prices increase. Biofuels are well suited to aviation, marine and heavy transport as there are few low-emission alternative fuels in these industries.

Scion's modelling produced two biofuel scenarios – one which allowed any type of feedstock and all land classes to be used (scenario 1) and another which only allowed feedstocks to be grown on non-arable land. Modelling indicates that producing marine biofuels was price comparable with current average marine fuel prices.

Biofuels produced under both scenarios would displace fossil fuel use and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by approximately nine million tonnes by 2030. Emission reductions in the short term are limited because it takes time to build biofuel conversion plants and for feedstocks (predominantly forestry) to reach maturity. If biofuels produced only on non-arable land replaced 30 percent of New Zealand's liquid fuels by 2050, there could be a five million tonnes per year reduction in GHG emissions.

The report is a good starting point to discuss biofuels opportunities in New Zealand. Scion notes that government policy support will be required in the short to medium term to enable large-scale biofuel production to occur. This is because market forces alone are not sufficient to promote large-scale biofuel production in New Zealand as current fossil fuel and carbon prices are too low and the technical risks still too high. Scion modelling shows that biofuel production would have regional economic development opportunities in areas such as Northland, Gisborne and central North Island. Biofuel production would require \$936 million capital expenditure on infrastructure costs (biofuel plants) but could create over 1000 new direct, indirect and induced jobs.

Scion will give the Ministry access to their data for integration into marginal abatement cost curves for the transport sector out to 2050.

2.4. Interim Climate Change Committee

This week we will begin advertising for the core Secretariat staff for the Interim Climate Change Committee. We expect there will be a second round of recruitment in late May after the Committee has convened and determined their work programme.

International issues

2.5. European Union Emissions Trading Scheme (EU ETS)

The European Union finalised its reforms of the EU ETS this week, bringing to a close 2.5 years of political debate between Member States, the European Parliament and the European Commission. The reforms will correct the oversupply of units that the scheme has suffered from since the financial crisis in 2009 and will greatly enhance its environmental integrity credentials. While the European Union both sets its emission reduction targets and negotiates

internationally as a bloc, its Member States have a diverse range of economic and emission profiles and this means that domestic debates about action on climate change are always challenging. Withhold under: 6(a) avoid prejudice to international relations; and 9(2)(j), avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Analysts expect that the carbon price in the EU ETS, which is currently NZD17, could reach as high as NZD60 by 2023.

2.6. Meeting with Pacific Heads of Mission

MFAT officials have been invited to speak to the quarterly meeting of Pacific Ambassadors in Wellington on Climate Change, taking place on 2 March. The interactive presentation will touch on the government's climate change priorities, the upcoming Pacific Mission, New Zealand's climate-related support in the Pacific and the international climate change negotiations. Heads of Mission from Solomon Islands, Samoa, Fiji, PNG, Cook Islands, Niue, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are expected to be present.

2.7. 2018 Meeting of Cartagena Dialogue for Progressive Action

The Cartagena Dialogue, a grouping of progressive developed and developing countries who seek ambitious action on climate change, will have its first meeting of 2018 on 20-21 March in Costa Rica. Withhold under 9(2)(j), avoid prejudice to negotiations.

. Small group dialogues like this will be key to finding potential landing zones ahead of COP24. MFAT officials will engage in the Dialogue meeting with a view to promoting bridge-building and developing consensus, as well as to ensure that Pacific perspectives are reflected in discussions.

2.8. US position on Paris Agreement still uncertain

Signals from the US are that we should not expect any reconsideration of the decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement in the near term. Withhold under: 6(a) avoid prejudice to international relations; 6(b), protect information passed by another country on a confidential basis; and 9(2)(j), avoid prejudice to negotiations.

2.9. Update on China-New Zealand Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Change invitation

As part of the bilateral Climate Change Arrangement between New Zealand and China, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) has invited you to lead a delegation to the China-New Zealand High Level Dialogue on Climate Change, and is proposing to host the meetings in Beijing during the week of 9-13 July. This timing fits with your diary (subject to leave being granted etc), and could tie in with possible meetings in the margins of a Singapore-hosted Special ASEAN Ministerial meeting on Climate Change planned for 10 July.

2.10. MFAT and MfE meet with EU officials on climate policy

The EU Directorate-General for Climate Action was represented in the first joint committee meeting under the EU-NZ Partnership Agreement on Relations and Cooperation (PARC), held in Wellington this week. Officials used the opportunity to meet informally with the EU officials to discuss mutual areas of interest and opportunities for further collaboration. MfE outlined New Zealand's ambitious domestic policy agenda: it was noted we could learn from EU's experience in developing a long-term strategy for low carbon development, while the EU would be keen to learn from our experience with agriculture.

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In addition to the negotiations, MFAT officials pitched New Zealand's proposal for a precision agriculture event at COP 24, which would mobilise finance and technology flows to assist developing countries to reduce agricultural emissions, increase resilience and improve farmer livelihoods. The EU officials were receptive and undertook to share the concept note with relevant agencies in Brussels.

2.11. Update on International Negotiations Mandate Cabinet paper

The first draft of the Cabinet paper seeking a new international mandate for New Zealand's participation in the negotiations on Paris implementation guidelines has been circulated by MFAT to agencies for the first round of consultation. You will receive a copy of the paper for comment on Friday 9 March, and a meeting will then be held with MFAT officials the following week. The intention is for the paper to go before the ENV Cabinet Committee on Tuesday 10 April, for referral to Cabinet on Monday 16 April.

2.12. Update on opportunities to showcase climate leadership

Following on from the World Resources Institute's proposal to collaborate with us to showcase New Zealand's climate leadership (outlined in the weekly update report of 19 February), the Prime Minister has agreed to an op-ed, for release timed with the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting on 16-20 April. Following your agreement to co-author a subsequent op-ed (with Dutch Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate, Eric Wiebes) for release during the World Bank Spring Meetings on 20-22 April, MFAT officials are working on a draft with WRI, which we will provide to you shortly. New Zealand will not have a Minister at the Spring meetings, but our Ambassador to the United States, Tim Groser, will co-host a press briefing on the need for ambitious climate action, together with the

Withhold under s6(a), avoid prejudicing international relations. These countries haven't all agreed to participate.

2.13. Report back on attendance at Tokyo meetings

Thirty countries (as well as the European Commission), including almost all major emitters, attended the 16th Japan-Brazil Dialogue in Tokyo on 21-22 February. This annual meeting, co-hosted by Japan and Brazil (Ambassadors Hideo Suzuki and Jose Antonio Marcondes de Carvalho jointly chaired) serves as the first informal gathering following the previous year's conference of the parties (COP). It provides a valuable opportunity to take the temperature of the negotiations, reflect on the previous COP, and identify key components for a successful COP24 (to be hosted in Katowice, Poland). Climate Change Ambassador Jo Tyndall attended in her capacity as co-Chair of the APA. New Zealand was represented by Kay Harrison (MfE), supported by ^{S 9(2)(a)-Natural persons} (MFAT).

The tone of the dialogue was generally positive, and indicated a willingness to engage openly on some of the more challenging obstacles in the year ahead. In addition to the perennial bugbears (differentiation and finance), the stark logistical challenge of managing the work load

across the three main areas (the Paris Agreement Work Programme, the Talanoa Dialogue, and the pre-2020 stocktake) is casting an ever longer shadow as we head towards the December 2018 deadline for delivery.

New Zealand's messaging was well received, in particular by Pacific Island delegations, who noted how forward-leaning and constructive our positions were. One key theme to emerge was how critical the Ministerial-level informal meetings scheduled throughout the year (e.g. the Petersberg Dialogue; the EU/China/Canada-convened Ministerial on Climate Action) will be to help set the scene for a COP24 which delivers an ambitious outcome in line with both the letter and spirit of the Paris Agreement.

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2.15. The European Union Foreign Affairs Council adopts Climate Diplomacy priorities

The EU has reaffirmed its ambitious set of climate diplomacy priorities by adopting a series of Council Conclusions based around a commitment to multilateralism and the urgency of swift implementation of the Paris Agreement. The nexus between climate and security is highlighted as an emerging issue, which they recommend be taken up by the UN Security Council.

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Carbon pricing and fossil fuel subsidy reform are identified as key to reducing emissions globally, enabling finance flows and encouraging involvement of the private sector. The importance of climate policy coherence in trade, energy, and international transport (including the current negotiations on a strategy to reduce emissions from international shipping, and the carbon offsetting scheme under ICAO) is also highlighted. Lastly, the Conclusions underscore the importance of using political meetings such as the Ministerial on Climate Action for advocacy. (See also report back from Tokyo meetings).

3. Upcoming briefings

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S 9(2)(f)(iv)-Active	MfE	S 9(2)(f)(iv)-Active consideration
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Update to Rate of Allocation to the NZ Aluminium Smelter	LEG	Seeks approval of regulation amendments that update the NZAS allocative baseline.	Lodge with Cabinet Office on 15 March LEG 22 March Cabinet 26 March
Membership of Interim Climate Change Committee	APH	Confirms membership for the Interim Climate Change Committee.	Lodge with Cabinet Office 26 March 2018 (following Cabinet agreement to ENV paper – requires seeking extension from the Cabinet Office to its 10am 22 March deadline for lodging papers) APH 28 March 2018

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Climate Change International Negotiating Mandate	ENV	Seeks approval for an updated negotiating mandate and New Zealand engagement in the UNFCCC in 2018	MFAT submitted 2 tranches of preparatory papers to seek your direction on key issues 16 and 23 February and will meet with you on 28 February to discuss your feedback. Draft paper received week of 5 March, and MFAT will meet with you on 13 March to discuss your feedback. ENV 10 April 2018 Cabinet 16 April 2018

5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]	MfE		9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED]

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7. Engagement

Key issues in the media and social media

Statistics NZ report: The release of the Statistics NZ's first set of environmental accounts was covered by a wide range of media including Radio NZ, Carbon News, Stuff and NZ Herald. Headlines focussed on the fact that New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions have been growing – but at a pace slower than that of our economy. Coverage also mentioned that primary industries contribute nearly two-thirds of the country's greenhouse gases but account for less than 8 per cent of economic production.

Pacific climate change conference: Radio NZ, the Spinoff and Asia Pacific Report discussed the Pacific Climate Change Convention. Victoria University of Wellington director of the Antarctic Research Centre Tim Naish commented that the sea level could rise by two metres by 2100. He echoed the stance of Samoa's prime minister that temperature rise should be limited to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels and that the two degrees commitment of the Pacific COP meeting is too high. An article on the Spinoff stated that it is the duty of Māori as tangata whenua to take a stand on climate change for the sake of their pacific cousins.

Upcoming Engagement

What on Earth Colloquium, 6 and 7 March, Te Papa, Wellington: The Ministry is sponsoring this earth observation conference along with the New Zealand Space Agency, Venture Southland, LINZ, Maanaki Whenua – Landcare Research and the Centre for Space Science Technology. The aim of the event is to foster coordination and innovation in the use of earth observation technology for managing our natural resources. On 7 March there will be a particular focus on climate change and conservation, with a panel discussion focusing on ways that earth observation technology could support key policy developments in future.

8. OIA requests

8.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
Could you please advise me the total revenue/tax in its various forms that under the previous National government were collected as a carbon revenue/tax and where those same taxes were sent or spent.	9(2)(a) Unknown	18-O-00061	Sent to your Office 26 January	2 February
On January 17 you released via FYI two of your weekly climate change briefings from officials. They were hugely informative about what's happening in a critical policy area, so I'd like to request some more - specifically all weekly updates to the Minister of Climate Change received during November and December 2017, excluding those already released (Nov 6 and 13).	9(2)(a) Requested via FYI	18-O-00101	ASAP, five day extension applied	5 March
All advice you have received from officials on a proposed "Zero Carbon Act".	9(2)(a) Act Party	18-O-00037	Provided to your office 1 March	6 March

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<p>Reports, memos, internal briefings, background notes, thought pieces or other documents shared within the Ministry for Environment for the purposes of preparing for the introduction of new climate change legislation or bills in 2018, such as a Zero Carbon Bill.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]</p>	<p>18-D-00048</p>	<p>Extension applied, now due 6 March</p>	<p>13 March</p>
<p>LINKED WITH 18-D-00048 Information prepared to assess different options for the formation of a Climate Change Commission in New Zealand.</p>	<p>9(2)(a) [REDACTED] National Party 9(2)(a) [REDACTED]</p>	<p>18-0-00054</p>	<p>Extension applied, now due 6 March</p>	<p>13 March</p>

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8.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Date due to send
<p>Any information and/or research and/or briefings to Ministers regarding the retreat of glaciers in New Zealand as a result of Climate Change.</p> <p>Any information regarding how the retreat of glaciers is impacting businesses and any concerns from businesses regarding this.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>Newshub (MediaWorks) - Political Reporter</p>	17-D-01602	Extended: 7 March
<p>"...copies of all submissions made by stakeholders to the Ministry during consultation on the document Coastal Hazards and Climate Change – Guidance for Local Government in New Zealand which was released last December; and -Copies of any legal or other advice given to Ministers on the effect including a 2m “stress test” for greenfields and other new developments (the test that was originally included in the draft version of the guidance, dated April and leaked by the Green Party last year.)"</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>Newsroom</p>	18-D-00082	Extended: 7 March
<p>Reports, memos, internal briefings, background notes, thought pieces or other documents shared within the Ministry for Environment for the purposes of preparing for the introduction of new climate change legislation or bills in 2018, such as a Zero Carbon Bill.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>National Party s 9(2)(a)</p>	18-D-00048	Extended: 13 March
<p>LINKED WITH 18-O-00054 Information prepared to assess different options for the formation of a Climate Change Commission in New Zealand.</p>	<p>s 9(2)(a)</p> <p>National Party s 9(2)(a)</p>	18-D-00049	Extended: 13 March

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Refer to item 2.1

Additional Select Committee Questions (Note: Climate Change related questions are highlighted below)

107. We note the Auditor-General has recommended improvements to the Ministry for the Environment's management control environment, financial information systems and controls, and service performance information and associated systems and controls.

- What action has been taken or is planned to address these recommendations?

108. The Committee notes that the Ministry is reviewing the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme to ensure it contributes effectively towards meeting New Zealand's climate change targets agreed to under the Paris Agreement.

- What are the timelines for and what progress has been made in the Ministry's review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme?

109. The Committee notes that the Ministry has identified "supporting resilient communities through climate change adaptation" as one of three priority policy areas for the Ministry in the immediate future.

- What work programmes does the Ministry have in place, and how is the Ministry working with other agencies to give effect to this priority policy area?

110. The Committee notes that the Ministry is working across government agencies to establish a "transition hub" to provide advice on how New Zealand can transition to a low emissions economy.

- What progress has been made in establishing a climate change "transition hub"?

111. The Committee notes that the Ministry has completed a review of the progress that each regional council has made to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

- What does the review of the implementation of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management tell us about the progress regional councils are making in implementing the NPS and the key issues councils are facing in the implementation of the NPS?

112. The Committee notes that the Ministry is focussing on supporting good management practice in the urban and rural sectors to support improvements in freshwater quality.

- How is the Ministry supporting good management practice in the urban and rural sectors to support improvements in freshwater quality?
- What impacts is the Ministry seeking to achieve through this work?

113. The Committee notes that the Ministry has started work on developing a better allocation system for freshwater

- What is the Ministry's work programme and timing for advice to Government on developing a better allocation system for freshwater?

114. The Committee notes that the Ministry has already invested around \$350 million in water clean-up and will invest another \$100 million over 10 years.

- How are the impacts from these investments measured?
- What reporting is required from the organisations who receive funding for water clean-up activities?

115. The Committee notes that the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity has been in effect for over a year.

- Could you please update the Committee on the progress that councils have made in achieving the targets set in the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity?

116. The Committee understands that the Ministry has a priority policy area of "developing fit-for-purpose systems and incentives to ensure liveable cities for the future".

- What is the Ministry's work programme to give effect to this priority?

117. The Committee notes that the Ministry will be taking a different approach to delivering its strategy through to 2021 focussing on taking a “policy plus” and “partnering with purpose” approach.

118. What actions is the Ministry taking to ensure that it can deliver on this new model of working, including the establishment of any business systems required and staff capability building?

119. Please provide an update on the National Policy Statements and National Environmental Standards that are currently under development.

120. Please provide an update on the Ministry’s work on climate change adaption.

121. Please provide an update on MfE’s work in decommissioning oil and gas structures in New Zealand’s EEZ.

122. Please provide an update on the Havelock North water inquiry.

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Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 8 March for the week commencing 12 March

Date: 12 March
Time: 1.45 - 3.45pm
Location: Office of the Minister for Climate Change

Attendees: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate
Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
Janine Smith, Manager, Climate Change Policy
Paul Alexander, Programme Director Transition Hub

For items 5, 6 and 7: Mark Storey, Manager, Climate Change Policy
For item 6 only: s 9(2)(a)- Protection of [redacted], Senior Advisor
For item 7 only: s 9(2)(a)- Protection of [redacted] and s 9(2)(a)- Protection of [redacted], Advisors
For item 8 only: James Walker, Deputy Secretary, Partnerships and Customers
Cat Wilson, Manager, Engagement,
s 9(2)(a)- Protection of Natural persons [redacted], Senior Communications Manager
s 9(2)(a)- Protection of [redacted], Engagement Advisor

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	-Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed members of the Interim Climate Change Committee PCE report findings 	Penny Nelson/ Roger Lincoln	15 min
2	-Zero Carbon Bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on APH paper Final feedback on Interim Committee terms of reference before lodging on Thursday 	Janine Smith	15min
3	-Climate Change Commission Budget Bid Update	Janine Smith/ Paul Alexander	5mins
4	-Standing item: weekly report	Roger Lincoln	10min
5	-Update on content and process for agricultural emissions advice	Mark Storey	10min
6	-Climate Finance: Report launch and MfE participation in Green Investment Fund Working Group	Mark Storey	20min
7	-Zero Carbon Bill Deep Dive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope of consultation document Scope of the Bill 	Janine Smith	30min
8	-Zero Carbon Bill Deep Dive: Communications and engagement plan	Cat Wilson	30min

Upcoming meetings 12 – 23 March

12 March	Church Leaders MfE Officials Stephen Batsone (Sapere)
13 March	Stephen Ihaka MFAT officials Beef and Lamb NZ; Meat Industry Association Sustainable Wealth Creation workshop
14 March	Downstream Energy Conference – Speech Stephen Tindall & John McCarthy
15 March	Westpac EDS: Climate Update Seminar – Panel
16 March	Mayor Phil Goff Ambassador Jo Tyndall Volvo Ocean Race stopover - Speech
19 March	MfE officials
20 March	Council of Trade Unions ENV – Cabinet committee on Interim Committee terms of reference
21 March	McGuinness Institute ForestWood 2018 Conference – Speech Transparency International – Speech
22 March	Forestry ministers meeting TBC Professor Jim Skea MFAT officials meeting Z-Energy – dinner Climate Change Public Forum – Tauranga TBC

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Key decisions for you to make this week

- A. Lodge the Interim Committee Terms of Reference Cabinet paper (MfE)
- B. Feedback on the APH paper for membership of the Interim Climate Change Committee (MfE)
- C. Your agreement to a proposed approach to public consultation on the international climate change negotiation mandate (MFAT)
- D. Your agreement to a proposed approach to engagement on the 2018 (UNFCCC) Talanoa Dialogue (MFAT)
- E. MFAT seeks your feedback on the programme elements for the China-New Zealand- Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Change (MFAT)

1. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic Issues

1.1. Tax Working Group seeking submissions

The Tax Working Group, chaired by Sir Michael Cullen will publish a background paper on Wednesday 14 March as part of its call for submissions. The background paper is designed to help those less familiar with the current tax system and who may be less interested in making a technical submission. The paper is expected to set out the scope of the Group's work and questions of particular interest, which is expected to include environmental taxes. (The Working Group's terms of reference ask them to consider how the tax system can support better environmental and ecological outcomes.) Public submissions will be invited by the end of April on the background paper, ahead of a draft report in September and a final report in February 2019.

International Issues

1.2. Invitation to Tim Groser to contribute FFSR chapter to Yale publication

Ambassador Groser has been invited to contribute a chapter on a trade/climate change topic for an academic book to be published by Yale University. Ambassador Groser has proposed Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform as his focus, given New Zealand's bipartisan leadership on this issue, including Minister Parker's Statement at the WTO in 2017, and your interest in advocacy of the issue in the climate change context. MFAT's Code of Conduct includes duties not to compromise the Government by public comment on policies they've been involved with, to submit drafts to SFAT before publication, and not publish before approval. Withhold under: 9(2)(f)
[REDACTED]. MFAT officials will sight Minister of Trade and Economic Growth on this proposal. If both you and MTEG are comfortable, Ambassador Groser will begin drafting the chapter and provide it to senior MFAT officials for comment, before the editing process.

1.3. Fiji Chief Negotiator replaced

Ambassador Nazhat Shameem-Khan has been replaced by Luke Daunivalu as the Chief Negotiator for the remainder of Fiji's COP23 Presidency. Daunivalu is currently Deputy Permanent Representative in New York and was a senior member of Fiji's COP Presidency team last year (with responsibility for finance negotiations). ^{s 9(2)(g)(i)}

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1.4. US ambassador's meeting request

United States Ambassador to New Zealand, Scott Brown, has requested a meeting with you and your office has confirmed 3 April for the meeting. ^{Withhold under 9(2)(a), protect the privacy of individuals. (Officials of another government, potentially identified in the media.)}

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The Ambassador has been doing courtesy calls with MPs to talk about US-NZ relations and conveying his willingness to be part of events relating to current priorities. He has been eager to meet with you and would like to discuss your portfolio areas, of which climate change is one. ^{Withhold under: 6(a) avoid prejudice to international relations.}

[REDACTED],

MFAT will provide you with a short briefing note in advance of the meeting, and has offered a senior official to be present at the meeting if you are amenable.

1.5. Prime Minister's France visit

Climate change will receive significant airtime and attention throughout the Prime Minister's visit to Europe in April, including France, Germany and the UK. In France, the Prime Minister has been asked to deliver a public speech at the OECD on "Our Common Future" which will highlight New Zealand's approach to key global challenges and recent Pacific Mission experience. This will provide an opportunity to highlight New Zealand's role in supporting the Pacific and in initiatives to combat agricultural emissions, promote precision agriculture, and eliminate fossil fuel subsidies. MFAT is exploring other options to showcase New Zealand's credentials on climate change, including our co-leadership of the Carbon Neutral Coalition (a One Planet Summit outcome prioritised by President Macron. Climate change focused media activity is also planned, including publishing the French translation of op-ed with the World Resources Institute on climate leadership.

1.6. Global Climate Fund Board meeting

The Green Climate Fund Board had its 19th meeting last week, approving 23 funding proposals (committing around USD1 billion) including one Pacific proposal (Republic of the Marshall Islands). The meeting was less successful in agreeing fundamental policies that will determine the way projects will be funded in the future, especially for High and Middle Income Countries. Australia has now ended its co-chairing of the Board (with Saudi Arabia). Two new co-chairs were elected (Sweden and Nicaragua) and despite some early challenges (the Georgian Board Member objected to the election of Nicaragua due to the latter's recognition of South Ossetia and Abkhazia as independent states), the election proceeded relatively smoothly.

The next (20th) meeting of the GCF Board is likely to take place in June. Some of the more controversial issues that were unable to be dealt with this time are likely to come on the agenda next time. ^{Withhold under: 9(2)(j), avoid prejudice to negotiations}

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1.7. Australia and US announce partnership on energy, including natural gas

During Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's recent visit to Washington DC, the US and Australia made a joint announcement of their intention to launch Strategic Partnership on Energy in the Indo-Pacific region to promote energy infrastructure, low emissions technologies, and global gas markets. Withhold under: 6(a) avoid prejudice to international relations; 6(b), protect information passed by another country on a confidential basis; and 9(2)(a), protect individuals' privacy (commentary on David Banks potentially defamatory if released).

1.8. Japan – New Zealand Hydrogen project

A project to pilot the commercial production of hydrogen using renewable geothermal energy between Tuaropaki Trust and Obayashi Corporation is progressing, having been publicly announced in February. The plant will be constructed close to Mokai station, near Taupo, in the North Island and the second stage will be establishing a viable hydrogen transportation supply chain between New Zealand and Japan. Withhold under: 6(a) avoid prejudice to international relations; 6(b), protect information passed by another country on a confidential basis; and 9(2)(a), protect individuals' privacy (commentary on David Banks potentially defamatory if released).

1.9. UNFCCC Technology Executive Committee meeting

New Zealand will participate for the first time in the UNFCCC's Technology Executive Committee from 13-16 March. The TEC is the policy arm of the Technology Mechanism, which aims to promote and enhance action on the development and transfer of environmentally sound technologies to developing country Parties. The TEC facilitates this by analysing issues and provides policy recommendations that support country efforts to enhance climate technology development and transfer. New Zealand's role at the meeting will be fairly exploratory, gaining insights relevant to the technology transfer and finance aspects of Precision Agriculture Initiative and providing a Pacific perspective on the issues discussed, ensuring priorities in our region are taken into account.

1.10. Invitation to write opinion piece on FFSR

Following the recent MFAT "425 billion reasons for change" campaign, the UNFCCC has invited New Zealand to provide an opinion piece on Fossil Fuel Subsidy Reform to feature on the UNFCCC's landing page. We believe this would contribute significantly to raising the profile of FFSR in the UNFCCC context. Our propose New Zealand accepts the invitation and the opinion is provided in your name. We are consulting the Minister for Trade and Export Growth's office to test his comfort with this proposal.

1.11. Visit by Argentina local government and climate change network

A delegation from the Argentine Network of Municipalities against Climate Change (“RAMCC” for its Spanish acronym) will travel to New Zealand from 19 to 23 March, including visits in Auckland, Wellington and Palmerston North. The RAMCC is an instrument of coordination and implementation of local public policies against climate change in the cities and towns of Argentina. The delegation will meet with local councils to discuss climate change challenges common to both countries, including but not limited to: greenhouse gas mitigation in agriculture, energy efficiency and renewable energies, waste management, sustainable transport, and adaptation to climate change. This visit is a precursor to a next training workshop that will be held in New Zealand with the objective of learning from New Zealand’s experiences. MFAT is exploring possibilities for central government engagement, by interested agencies such as MfE and MPI.

1.12. Request for visit by Global Green Growth Institute Director-General

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) have approached MFAT about the possibility of GGGI Director-General Frank Rijsberman visiting New Zealand in April or May. You met with Rijsberman at COP23 in Bonn and had an initial conversation on the GGGI’s value proposition and work in the Pacific. The purpose of this visit would be to progress the conversation about possible NZ involvement in GGGI, as well as conduct outreach amongst central and local government, academia and NGOs in GGGI’s substantive areas of expertise (including green cities, sustainable energy, land use and agriculture). We will liaise with your office regarding a possible meeting between you and DG Rijsberman.

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5. Media

PCE report: The Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment Simon Upton's report on climate change was covered in NZ Herald, Stuff, Newshub and Carbon News. Media coverage focussed on the need for action, cross party support, and backing for a climate change commission.

Pacific visit: Several media including Stuff and the NZ Herald covered your and the Prime Minister's visit to Samoa. Articles highlighted the importance of NZ taking domestic climate change action to help pacific countries experiencing the effects of severe weather events and sea level rise.

Adaptation and sea level rise: A feature article on Stuff, the Dominion Post and the Press, covered a range of views on sea level rise and its effect on coastal communities. It featured commentary from coastal residents, local government and CCATWG co-chair Judy Lawrence. The article highlighted the importance of central and local government working together to come up with a plan and a fund for climate change adaptation.

Tax on greenhouse gas emissions: Sir Michael Cullen of the Tax Working Group was quoted in an article on Stuff discussing the possibility of a tax on greenhouse gas emissions, plastic and water pollution.

Record temperatures: The Dominion Post and Radio NZ reported that NZ has had its hottest summer on record, according to NIWA's latest findings. Temperatures were 0.3 degrees above the previous record.

Minister Parker on ETS: Minister Parker's speech at the Agcarm Summer conference was quoted in Rural News. Minister Parker said that 'while 95% of agricultural emissions will not come under the Emissions Trading Scheme, farmers will have an option to opt in and gain the financial benefit' and that there will be 'reward for people who reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.'

6. OIA requests

6.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
I would to request the following information: a) Policy work the government is currently doing around eliminating all types of fossil fuel exploration, production and consumption subsidies. b) Actions the government has undertaken to reduce or eliminate fossil fuel subsidies since January 2016. c) Policy work, negotiations or consultation the government is currently undertaking to reduce taxpayer liability from subsidising the decommissioning of petroleum production operations. d) The government's target date for eliminating all fossil fuel exploration and production subsidies; and the target date for eliminating all consumption subsidies.	9(2)(a) via FYI.org.nz	17-O-01212	Sent to your office on Thursday, 7 September	Wednesday, 13 December
SAME AS 18-D-00376 The document titled: "Internal Analysis: Options for a new 2050 climate change target for New Zealand" including any draft versions from 3 January 2018 onward.	9(2)(a) National Party	18-O-00371		Wednesday, 13 December
1. A copy of each document (Cabinet paper and/or A3) you provided to Cabinet regarding progress. 2. A copy of each document held in your office setting out the milestones for the 100-day plan,	9(2)(a) National Party	18-O-00361		Tuesday, 20 March

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particularly the policies you are responsible for. 3. A copy of each document held in your office tracking progress and/or milestones.				
I request a PDF copy of any advice you received since coming to office on the economic cost of climate change as measured as a percentage of GDP both in New Zealand and globally.	9(2)(a) Tax Payer's Union/Blogger	17-O-01692	Sent to your office on Tuesday, 9 January	Tuesday, 16 January
Copy of the documents on the Low Emissions Economy Briefing on 9 November 2017.	9(2)(a) National Party	17-O-01694	Sent to your office on Thursday, 15 February	Tuesday, 13 February
A PDF copy of all official information generated by the official information request of mine below about the cost of global warming.	9(2)(a) Tax Payer's Union/Blogger	18-O-00027		Monday, 5 March
On January 17 you released via FYI two of your weekly climate change briefings from officials. They were hugely informative about what's happening in a critical policy area, so I'd like to request some more - specifically all weekly updates to the Minister of Climate Change received during November and December 2017, excluding those already released (Nov 6 and 13).	9(2)(a) via FYI.org.nz	18-O-00101		Friday, 16 March

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6.2. Departmental

Request	Correspondent	Reference	Date due to send
<p>Can Treasury please release the following information:</p> <p>All work done to quantify the costs, in dollar terms or otherwise, of New Zealand's commitment to meet its Paris Agreement goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The time period of my request is from October 5 2016, when New Zealand ratified the Paris Agreement, to today's date</p>	S 9(2)(a)	17-D-01577	Friday, 19 January
<p>Any information and/or research and/or briefings to Ministers regarding the retreat of glaciers in New Zealand as a result of Climate Change.</p> <p>Any information regarding how the retreat of glaciers is impacting businesses and any concerns from businesses regarding this.</p>	S 9(2)(a)	17-D-01602	Thu, 25 Jan
<p>Reports, memos, internal briefings, background notes, thought pieces or other documents shared within the Ministry for Environment for the purposes of preparing for the introduction of new climate change legislation or bills in 2018, such as a Zero Carbon Bill.</p>	S 9(2)(a)	18-D-00048	Tue, 13 Mar
<p>LINKED WITH 18-O-00054 Information prepared to assess different options for the formation of a Climate Change Commission in New Zealand.</p>	S 9(2)(a)	18-D-00049	Tue, 13 Mar
<p>"...copies of all submissions made by stakeholders to the Ministry during consultation on the document Coastal Hazards and Climate Change – Guidance for Local Government in New Zealand which was released last December, and</p> <p>-Copies of any legal or other advice given to Ministers on the effect including a 2m "stress test" for greenfields and other new developments (the test that was originally included in the draft version of the guidance, dated April and leaked by the Green Party last year.)"</p>	S 9(2)(a)	18-D-00082	Wed, 7 Mar
<p>SAME AS 18-O-00371 The document titled: "Internal Analysis: Options for a new 2050 climate change target for New Zealand" including any draft versions from 3 January 2018 onward.</p>	S 9(2)(a)	18-D-00376	Tue, 20 Mar

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Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 16 March for the week commencing 19 March

Date: 19 March
Time: 1.45-3.45pm
Location: Office of the Minister for Climate Change

Attendees: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
Penny Nelson, Deputy Secretary, Environmental Performance, Innovation & Climate
Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
Janine Smith, Manager, Climate Change Policy
Paul Alexander, Programme Director Transition Hub

For item 2

s 9(2)(a)- Protection of Natural persons

For item 5

Bridget Fraser, Manager, Climate Change Analysis

s 9(2)(a)

For item 6

s 9(2)(a)- Protection of Natural persons

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work programme overview and budget bid 	Penny Nelson	10 mins
2	3-year work programme for Climate Change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on 3 year work programme Decisions on 3-month schedule to get consultation document agreed by end of May 	Roger/Janine/ s 9(2)(a)-	15 min
3	Climate Change Capability Budget Bid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on Bid ahead of meeting with the MOF 	Penny Nelson	15 min
4	Zero Carbon Bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking points for Cabinet Committee Final views from departments Officials support outside ENV 	Janine Smith	5 mins
5	New Zealand's international greenhouse gas reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of programme prior to GHG inventory release and IPCC Land sector meeting in Christchurch 	Bridget Fraser	30 mins
6	9(2)(f)(iv)	s 9(2)(a)- Protection of	15 mins

Actions from the previous meeting

Change the format of the weekly updates: remove media section and NZ ETS market update.
Keep update on OIAs

Upcoming meetings 12 March – 23 March

- 19 March** MFE Officials meeting
- 20 March** Council of Trade Unions
ENV Cabinet Committee presenting on Interim Climate Change Committee paper
- 21 March** McGuiness Institute (climate change reporting)
Forest Stewardship Council
Speech – Transparency International
- 22 March** Forestry Ministers meeting
Professor Jim Skea
MFAT Officials meeting
CEs dinner
- 23 March** Climate Change Public Forum (Tauranga)
- 26 March** Speech to open the IPCC meeting “Special Report on Climate Change and Land Issues”
Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce
- 27 March** NZ Carbon Farming (Jill Garing), with Minister Sage
Joint meeting with insurance companies
- 28 March** Methanex
MfE Officials meeting
- 29 March** MFAT Officials meeting
Forest and Bird (panel discussion): Climate 2050: Discussing Wellington’s Future

1. Key decisions for you to make this week

- a. Final decisions on climate change budget bid
- b. Discussion of Interim Committee Terms of Reference Cabinet paper at ENV committee
- c. Discussion of industrial allocation amendment regulations Cabinet paper at LEG committee

2. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

2.1. Membership of the Interim Climate Change Committee Secretariat

Applications close on Friday and we will begin the interview process next week.

2.2. Possible changes to timing of Productivity Commission inquiry

We understand that Murray Sherwin, Chair of the Productivity Commission may write to you shortly to inform you that the Commission intend to move the date of publication of the draft final report to the end of April. The Commission may also seek your agreement to extending the publication of the final report until after the current deadline of 30 June. The additional time would allow the Commission more time to complete their inquiry and incorporate further modelling results in their analysis. We expect the Commission to seek public submissions on the draft report from end April to mid-May.

International

2.3. Climate Change Ambassador visit to Bonn and Paris

In her capacity as APA Co-Chair, Climate Change Ambassador, Jo Tyndall, last week attended meetings in Paris of the OECD Climate Change Experts' Group (chaired by New Zealand's Helen Plume) and an informal 'transparency' dialogue convened by French think tank IDDRI. She then went on to Bonn for a meeting of the UNFCCC Bureau.

Common themes to emerge were the enormity of the task ahead to complete the Paris Agreement Work Programme, but eagerness by a broad spectrum of countries to engage. There is highly likely to be an extra negotiating session in early September, but this won't be confirmed until May.

Withhold under: 6(a) avoid prejudice to international relations; and 9(2)(j), avoid prejudice to negotiations.

2.4. Update on Cabinet paper for international negotiation mandate

MFAT continues to lead the work on the Cabinet paper seeking a new international negotiation mandate. You will receive the next iteration on Friday 16 March, which will include the full set of draft recommendations. This version of the paper can be used for consultation with other Ministers, so that MFAT can submit the final draft to you on Thursday 29 March. The paper will be lodged with Cabinet Office on 5 April for consideration at ENV on Tuesday 10 April. A proposed covering briefing note for distribution to interested Ministers has been provided to you this week.

2.5. Public consultation on international climate negotiation mandate

The public consultation process on New Zealand's approach in the international climate negotiations opened on Wednesday 14 March. A call for submissions has gone up on MFAT's website, supported by a social media campaign and targeted outreach to business, civil society and Māori. Jo Tyndall will be available for face to face meetings with representative groups (Withhold under: 9(2)(b)(ii) avoid prejudice to commercial position of [redacted]) over the next two weeks. Submissions close on 3 April ahead of the mandate being presented to the Environment, Energy and Climate Committee on 10 April.

2.6. New US Secretary of State: Mike Pompeo

President Trump announced on Wednesday US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson would be replaced by Mike Pompeo, who has been leading the Central Intelligence Agency until now.

Withhold under: 6(a) avoid prejudice to international relations; and 9(2)(j), avoid prejudice to negotiations. .

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The Embassy in Washington will follow up with further reporting.

2.7. Informal network on Long-term strategies

New Zealand has been invited to join an informal network established by the UNFCCC Secretariat to enhance cooperation amongst governments in support of formulating long-term low GHG emission development strategies. The network brings together practitioners, rather than negotiators, from interested governments to enhance cooperation and share experience on developing long-term strategies, including the global landscape of long term low emission development strategy preparation and strategies already submitted.

9(2)(g)(i), protect free and frank advice by departments. (Withheld under another OIA request, in consultation with MfE.)

2.8. Update on Norway and Iceland's climate change policies

MFAT's Embassy in The Hague has reported that Norway has implemented its emissions reduction targets into law through a Climate Change Act, requiring regular reporting to parliament on how the government can achieve its climate targets. Efforts to reduce emissions go well beyond government, with fifteen economic sectors having their own 2050 roadmaps to carbon neutrality (our expectation is that international purchasing of offset units will feature heavily in the achievement of these goals). The Norwegian "green fund", Fornybar AS, has been established with a government contribution of NZ\$70.7m. When it becomes active, the fund will take part ownership of companies engaged in R&D projects with emissions impacts. The Norwegian government has invested heavily in promoting electric vehicles, including through tax incentives and other user benefits. In 2017 over 20% of new car sales were for full battery electric, and by 2025 Norway aims to have all new passenger vehicles fully electric. Iceland has also implemented a range of tax incentives to increase its number of electric vehicles, with the number of new electric vehicles doubling in 2017, albeit from a low base.

3. Upcoming briefings

Papers for your 23 March bag

Issue or event	Lead	Further information
S 9(2)(f)(iv)-Active consideration [Redacted]	MFE	S 9(2)(f)(iv)-Active consideration [Redacted]
Climate Commission paper	MfE	Background paper for deep dive discussion with officials

Papers for your 30 March bag

Issue or event	Lead	Further information
Carbon Budget paper	MfE	Background paper for deep dive discussion with officials
Opportunities for alignment of urban and climate work programmes	MfE	Briefing jointly developed by MBIE, MOT and MfE setting out opportunities to align the climate and urban work programmes. Follows briefing 2017-B-04060 and meeting held between Ministers in December 2017. To be sent to portfolios: Housing and Urban Development & Transport, Climate Change, Energy and Resources, Transport.

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our suggested timeframes
Membership of Interim Climate Change Committee	APH	Confirms membership for the Interim Climate Change Committee	Lodge with Cabinet Office by 10am Wed 28 March 2018 (a day early due to Easter break). APH 9am 4 April 2018 Cabinet 9 April 2018
International climate change negotiations: new negotiation mandate	ENV	New mandate for New Zealand's engagement in international climate negotiations in the UNFCCC	Consultation draft to you by 16 March for consultation with Ministerial colleagues Final draft to you by 29 March Public submissions close 3 April Lodge with Cabinet Office 5 April ENV 10 April
Update of the Climate Change (Forestry) Regulations: Permission to Consult Joint paper with MPI	ENV	Seeks approval to release a consultation document on twelve changes to the regulations as they apply to forests. These changes will help simplify the NZ ETS and reduce compliance costs while maintaining environmental integrity of the scheme.	Lodge by 5 April ENV 10 April Cabinet 16 April Public consultation from 23 April to 3 June

Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Our suggested timeframes
Proposed NZ ETS Technical Regulations Updates for 2018	ENV	Seeks approval in principle for technical regulation updates for 2018 and agreement to release a consultation document. Changes include updates to emissions factors, adding to the list of eligible removal activities, and closing a gap in synthetic greenhouse gas levy coverage.	Lodge by 3 May ENV 8 May Cabinet 14 May Public consultation from 15 May to 10 June

5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our feelings on the paper
International Maritime Organisation: Climate Change Negotiation Mandate	MoT	Economic Development Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MFAT have been consulted - The 72nd meeting of the Marine Environmental Protection Committee (3-13 April) of the International Maritime Organisation is set to adopt an interim strategy to reduce GHG emissions from international shipping. This paper seeks cabinet approval for a negotiating mandate for the New Zealand delegation to this meeting. - The Ministry of Transport has shared a copy of the draft Cabinet paper with us, and we will be providing your office with our comments by 11:00am on Friday, 16 March.
9(2)(f)(iv)	MfE	Economic Development Committee (28 March TBC)	9(2)(f)(iv)

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<p>Could the Minister please provide all reports, briefings, memos, and aide memoires that your office have received or produced relating to 'climate refugees'?</p>	§ 9(2)(a)	National Party	18-O-00488	Due to your office on Wednesday, 4 April	Wednesday , 11 April

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6.2. Departmental

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<p>'The Climate Change BIM released today noted (p. 9) that "To support you in making these decisions, a cross-agency unit has been established following a \$1m per year allocation in Budget 2017, to develop coordinated advice on costed and tested options for meeting the 2030 target and how New Zealand transitions to a low emissions economy. "</p> <p>I would like to request the following information under the OIA:</p> <p>* A list of advice produced by the unit in above in the last year. For each piece of advice, I'd like its title, date, and who it was provided to.'</p>	S 9(2)(a)	No Right Turn	18-O-00027	Fri, 6 Apr

Proactively Released