

Weekly update - Minister for Climate Change

Finalised on 28 November for the week commencing 02 December

Date: 02 December
Time: 1.45 - 2.45 pm
Location: Office of the Minister for Climate Change

Attendees: Hon James Shaw, Minister for Climate Change
Cheryl Barnes, Deputy Secretary, Water and Climate Change
Roger Lincoln, Director, Climate Change
Janine Smith, Director, Climate Change
For item 2: Matt Cowie, Manager, Emissions Trading Policy
For item 3: Mark Storey, Manager, Climate Change and Agriculture

	Agenda	Lead	Time
1	Context	Cheryl	5 min
2	NZ ETS settings – prep for ENV	Matt Cowie	15 min
3	He Waka Eke Noa	Mark Storey	15 min

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Upcoming meetings 02 December – 13 December

Monday, 2 December	MfE officials meeting DairyNZ Annual Dairy Environment Leaders Forum Ministers briefing - Local Government Funding and Financing Final Report
Wednesday, 4 December	Pre-Travel Brief (MFAT Led) LIVE-STREAM: Tauranga School MFAT officials meeting Sustainable Land Use Ministers Dinner with the Board of the Electricity Networks Association Hon Robertson and Hon Nash - Redistributing ETS Revenues
Thursday, 5 December	Monthly Climate Change Adaptation meeting
Saturday, 7 December to Sunday, 15 December	Attending COP 25

1. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

1.1. New Zealand and international emissions prices

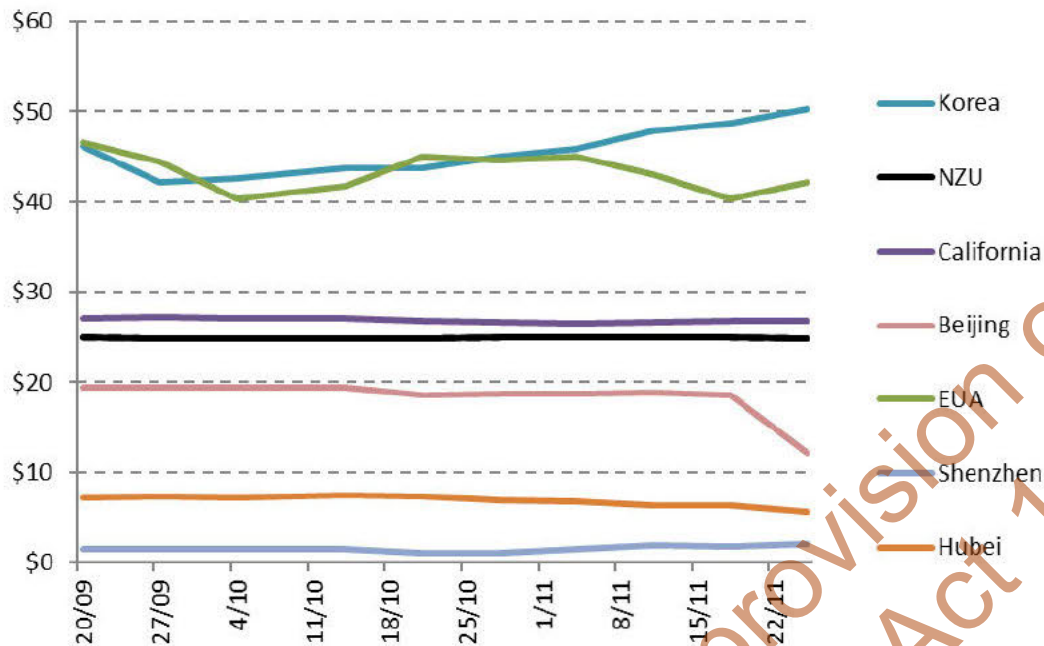
NZUs remained just below the current level of the fixed price option. Market observers continue to predict prices will stay at about this level until the new ETS policies and settings are in place.

Prices in South Korea's carbon market reached record highs last week. KAU prices are expected to reach \$70 NZD by the end of the year. These increases are based on a shortage of units within the Korean market.

Table: Current emissions prices

NZU, EUA and California emissions prices (NZD/t CO ₂ e) as at 27 Nov 2019		
NZU	EUA	California
24.72	41.77	26.88

Chart: Recent trends in international emissions prices



1.2. Consultation Series 2020 update – for noting

The Ministry for the Environment has eight consultations scheduled between October 2019 and March 2020 as listed in the table below. To ensure effective and meaningful engagement with iwi/Māori, and stakeholders, we will develop joint agendas where relevant. We will also identify other consultations underway from other agencies that may also be relevant and add them to the agenda.

Consultation series 2020 - timings	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20
Climate-related financial disclosures (LIVE)	31 Oct		13 Dec			
NZ ETS auctioning (LIVE)		12 Nov	19 Dec			
RM Issues and options (LIVE)		12 Nov			3 Feb	
NZ ETS electricity allocation factor (LIVE)		21 Nov	20 Dec			
National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (LIVE)		26 Nov				14 Mar
Waste levy		27 Nov			3 Feb	
National Environmental Standards for Air Quality (TBC)			16 Dec		28 Feb	
NZ ETS supply (TBC)			11 Dec		28 Feb	

To continue to drive efficiency and to reduce the impact on the people whom we are consulting with, we are working to hold a series of Hui, as follows:

November – December 2019

- Waste Levy
- Climate-related financial disclosures
- NZ ETS auctioning
- NZ ETS operational issue

February 2020 – March 2020

The policy areas likely to be part of a joint agenda are:

- RM Issues and options
- National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity
- National Environmental Standards for Air Quality
- NZ ETS supply.

1.3. Climate-related financial disclosures roadshow

MfE and MBIE officials held a roadshow on the climate-related financial disclosures proposals last week. In total 130 people attended the meetings across Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch from a wide range of stakeholder organisations. Feedback was positive; attendees engaged with officials around the particulars of the proposals but did not disagree with the principles. Key questions that arose were around how the government proposes to enforce a mandatory regime, how the proposed regime fits with integrated reporting, why unlisted large GHG emitters and public sector organisations are not in scope, and whether the one year transition period was sufficient for organisations to get up to speed.

1.4. Proactive release of electricity allocation factor reports

The Ministry intends to release three documents related to the modelling of the electricity allocation factor (EAF):

1. Concept Consulting. (2015). High-level review of approaches for estimating a standard electricity allocation factor (EAF)
2. NZIER. (2015). Estimating an electricity allocation factor (EAF): Technical appendices
3. NZ ER. (2015). Memo on estimating an electricity allocation factor (EAF)

The EAF consultation has been open to the public since last week. Releasing these unpublished documents will assist stakeholders with their submissions and ensure all submitters have access to the same information.

No risks have been identified in releasing these documents, since much of the content is already in the public space.

International

1.5. World's biggest solar farm proposed for Australia, to power Singapore

Singaporean firm SunCable are proposing to build a 10GW array of solar panels in the Northern Territories in Australia supported by a 22GWh Tesla grid battery. While some of the electricity would be consumed locally, the project would export most of the electricity generated to Singapore via a 3800km undersea HVDC cable. If built, it would be the largest solar PV farm in the world (the largest so far built, currently produces 1.5 GW). Singapore produces almost all of its electricity from imported natural gas, and the project would reduce Singapore's exposure to fluctuations in gas prices. The project could provide approximately 20 per cent of Singapore's electricity needs.

Recently, two Australian technology billionaires Andrew Forrest and Mike Cannon-Brookes have invested several tens of millions of dollars in the scoping and development phase of the project. The project would require around \$15-20 billion of capital to be built, and SunCable say it aims to reach financial close by late 2023.

1.6. UNEP Emissions Gap Report: 1.5°C goal at brink of impossible

On Tuesday the UNEP released its tenth edition of Emissions Gap Report. The report presents the latest data on the expected gap in 2030 for 1.5°C and 2°C temperature targets of the Paris Agreement, and looks at how large annual cuts would need to be from 2020 to 2030 to stay on track to meeting the Paris goals. Findings include: G20 members account for 78% of global emissions and several are not on track to meet 2030 NDC commitments; while countries are increasingly announcing net zero emissions targets for 2050, only a few have submitted LT-LEDS; and dramatic strengthening of NDC ambitions by threefold is needed in 2020 to achieve well below 2°C and fivefold to achieve 1.5°C. Finally, the emissions gap is large: in 2030, annual emissions need to be 15GtCO_{2e} lower than current unconditional NDCs imply for the 2°C goal, and 32 GtCO_{2e} lower for the 1.5°C goal. The report looks at ways to bridge the gap, including the potential of the energy transition and efficiency in the use of materials such as iron steel and cement.

1.7. Green Climate Fund (GCF)

New Zealand has secured a favourable constituency seat for 2020-2023 (the period of the first replenishment of the GCF to which NZ contributed \$15 million) with New Zealand joining a Spanish led constituency with Ireland. Under this arrangement we will share the Alternate Board seat with Ireland. Relative to our contribution this gives New Zealand a high level of representation and will enable us to continue to advocate for PIC/SIDS interests at the GCF.

1.8. s 6(a)

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2. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

2.1. Release of the New Zealand's Fourth Biennial Report

New Zealand's Fourth Biennial Report on Climate Change under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be released on either Wednesday 18th December or Thursday 19th December. The preparation of a biennial report is a mandatory requirement for New Zealand as an Annex 1 Party to the UNFCCC. It summarises New Zealand's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, emissions reduction targets, climate change policies and measures, support for developing countries, and progress on implementing New Zealand's obligations under the UNFCCC.

2.2. Start of consultation on the provisional emissions budget and NZ ETS unit supply and price settings

Contingent on Cabinet approval, consultation will begin before the end December 2019.

3. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 06 December

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2019-B-06284	Process for appointing an Iwi Maori representative to the He Waka Eke Noa Steering Group	MfE	To advise you of a process for appointing an iwi/maori representative to the He Waka Eke Noa Steering Group
2019-B-06289	New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Options for implementing forestry regulations in 2022	MPI	To advise you on options for later start dates for the ETS forestry regulations.

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Papers for week ending 13 December

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2019-B-06234	Proactive release - Cabinet paper - Approval to consult for NZ ETS auctioning rules	MfE	Requesting approval to proactively release the Cabinet paper that was decided at Cabinet on Monday 11 November 2019 for Approval to consult on the NZ ETS auctioning rules. Consultation is now open and runs from 12 November to 19 December
2019-B-06249	2019-B-06249 - Referring decisions on voluntary farm-level participation to Select Committee	MfE	Seeks Minister's approval to refer policy decisions on voluntary farm-level participation in emissions pricing and reporting to the Environment Select Committee, for consideration as part of the Climate Change (Emissions Trading Reform) Amendment Bill.
2019-B-06239	Submission of the Fourth Biennial Report to the UNFCCC	MfE	Notifying the Minister of the upcoming submission of New Zealand's Fourth Biennial Report on climate change under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
	Advice on NDC communication/update	MfE	Advice that will feed into a Cabinet Paper on communicating/updating the NDC by February/March 2020

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Timeframes
2019-C-06165	Approval to consult on NZ ETS settings	ENV - Environment, Energy and Climate	This paper seeks approval consult on proposals for regulations which will determine NZ ETS settings.	Lodge: 4 Dec ENV: 11 Dec Cabinet: 16 Dec
	NDC communication/update	ENV	This paper proposes how NZ will communication/update its NDC in February/March 2020	Lodge: 13 Feb ENV: 21 Feb Cabinet: 24 Feb

5. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Climate Implications of Policy Assessments (CIPA)

The CIPA requirement came into force on 1 November 2019. The following table sets out current CIPAs that we are working with agencies on, where the CIPA requirements apply.

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the GHG analysis
Accelerated implementation of the Clean Car Discount	MoT	DEV	<p>This paper seeks agreement to implement the Clean Car Discount in July 2020 rather than the originally proposed 2021. This is due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the need to take immediate action on addressing transport emissions, and to avoid potential market distortion from delay <p>s 9(2)(g)(i)</p>
Progressing the electricity price review's recommendations	MBIE	DEV	<p>The paper seeks agreement to detailed responses to the review panel's recommendations across four areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> strengthening the consumer voice reducing energy hardship improving the regulatory system, and reviewing institutional arrangements to support the transition to a low-emissions economy. <p>We recommend that you support this paper.</p> <p>The paper does not propose significant changes, only that MBIE does further work to identify opportunities to strengthen coordination between agencies over the coming year. We think this is sufficient as the review panel found that existing arrangements are not causing problems, and the significant issues that do exist in the electricity sector as it pertains to the transition to a low emissions economy are being addressed through the renewable energy strategy.</p>
Accelerated implementation of the Clean Car Discount	Ministry of Transport	DEV	<p>CCD supports the paper.</p> <p>s 6(a)</p>

6. OIA requests

6.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
<p>* 6/09/2019 19-B-05881 Talking points – NZ ETZ exemptions for Fox Glacier Landfill waste</p> <p>12/09/2019 19-B-06001 A Draft Proposal for the Provisional Emissions Budget</p> <p>13/09/2019 19-B-06016 Aide Memoire – Getting to farm level interim Options 1 and 2</p> <p>25/09/2019 19-B-06040 Letter to Westland District Council on NZ ETS exemption</p>	s 9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	OIA2901 19-O-02588 James Shaw	MfE	10-Dec-19	17-Dec-19
<p>With respect, I request the following information under the terms of the Official Information Act 1982:</p> <p>- Copies any reports, briefing materials, documents, memoranda, correspondence, legal advice or emails, both internal and external, specifically regarding:</p> <p>*The release and findings of the Royal Society Te Apārangi August report on gene editing.</p> <p>The information sought in this request is to be used as part of a report by the New Zealand Herald.</p> <p>I anticipate receiving the information under the terms of the act, which stipulates a maximum period of 20 business days. Written confirmation of receipt of this request would be appreciated.</p>	s 9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	19-O-02576 James Shaw	MfE	Fri 06 Dec	Thu 12 Dec

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •all notes and briefings prepared ahead of or as a result of Minister James Shaws' 14 Oct meeting with the chief economist, BP. •a copy of the meeting minutes and any slide shows or documents prepared for the meeting. 	s 9(2)(a)		19-O-02621 James Shaw	MfE	Tue 17 Dec	Tue 24 Dec
All advice, briefings, reports, memos, and emails Minister Shaw has received regarding the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill, between 1 October 2019 and 14 November 2019.	s 9(2)(a)	NZME	19-O-02617 James Shaw	MfE	Wed 18 Dec	Tue 24 Dec

6.2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade OIAs

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Date due to send
All briefings, updates or reports to the Minister that relate to climate change in the Pacific in past two years, and information that is within the Pacific reset strategy that relate to climate change in the Pacific.	s 9(2)(a)	Auckland Uni	22 Nov 2019
Advice provided to the Minister for Climate Change from May 2018 regarding the proposed Zero Carbon Act, including written advice in the form of briefings to the Minister from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs & Trade.	s 9(2)(a)	Victoria University	2 Dec 2019
All papers in relation to climate-related displacement and migration.	s 9(2)(a)		18 Dec 2019
All documents and correspondence held by the Office of the Minister for Climate Change regarding the funding of any non-officials on the 2020 delegation to COP25, whether this is speakers at side-events, filmmakers, or other non-officials. I would like to know who is receiving Government funding to attend COP25.	s 9(2)(a)		23 Dec 2019

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Finalised on 05 December for the week commencing 09 December

No meeting with MfE officials this week

Upcoming meetings 09 December – 20 December

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| Saturday, 7 December to Sunday, 15 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attending COP 25 |
| Monday, 16 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with Kurt Janssen, Orbica Ltd |
| Tuesday, 17 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MfE officials Meeting• 50 Shades of Green (TBC) |
| Wednesday, 18 December | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Genesis Energy (TBC)• MFAT officials Meeting |

1. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

1.1. Update on National Climate Change Risk Assessment – including hui with iwi/Māori held in Auckland on 29 November

Following the national workshop held in Wellington on 20 November, a hui with iwi/Māori was held on 29 November at the NIWA head office in Auckland. The purpose of the hui was to understand and hear Māori perspectives on the risks and opportunities presented by climate change – including those that are more important to Māori. This input is critical to inform stage one of the Risk Assessment process. The hui was led by Tā Mark Solomon and attended by approximately 25-30 people from a range of iwi and Māori organisations.

This hui will be followed up with other targeted regional meetings with iwi/Māori, which will take place in February 2020.

Stage one of the Risk Assessment will be completed in December, and the AECOM-led project team will provide the Ministry for the Environment with their Interim Report at the end of January. The Interim Report will include the list of priority risks, as agreed by the Ministry and the project team, that will progress to stage two of the assessment process. We will brief you on the Interim Report in the first week of February.

1.2. New Zealand and international emissions prices

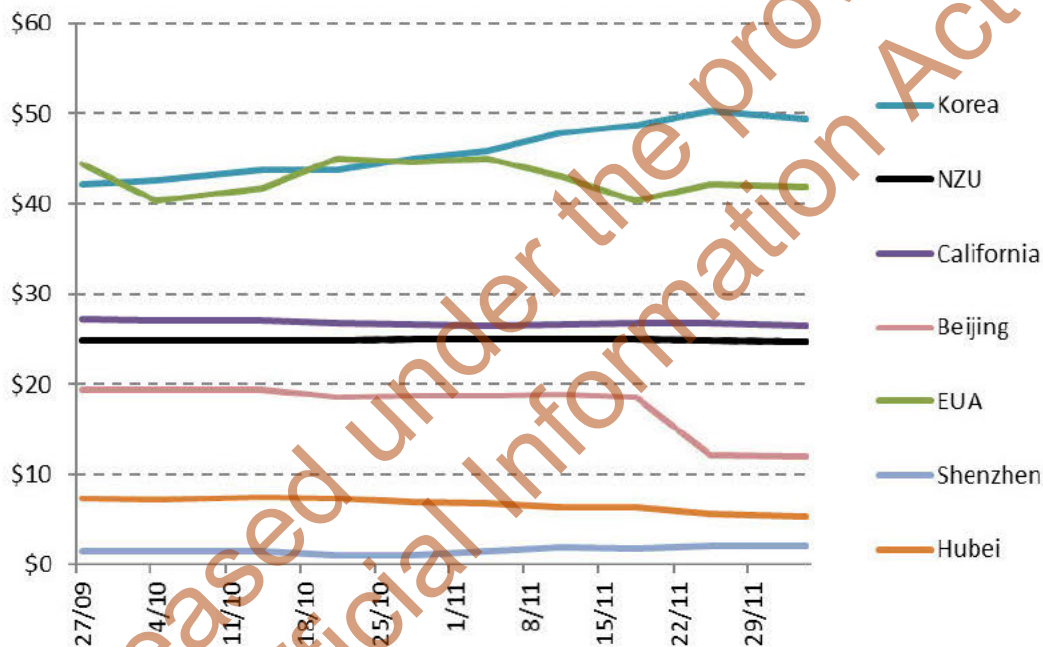
NZU prices remain steady just below \$25 with slow trading, whilst the market waits for further signals from the Government about the upcoming NZ ETS reforms.

Other international markets also remain steady.

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NZU, EUA and California emissions prices (NZD/t CO ₂ e) as at 4 Dec 2019		
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Chart: Recent trends in international emissions prices



1.3. Review of Crown Research Institutes

The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is currently reviewing the Crown Research Institutes (CRIs), via a panel led by David Smol. This is relevant to you as we rely on the CRIs (capabilities within the CRIs, the science investment they are able to access and the science they produce) to support our advice to you, particularly when it comes to policy design, implementation and environmental reporting.

We want to be more directive about what CRIs are doing so that we can get the knowledge we want for our policy analysis and advice and so will be providing feedback into the review via our Departmental Chief Science Advisor and Senior Management, focusing on the following three areas:

- The CRIs were established to deliver research relevant for sectors and government agencies (mission research), s 9(2)(g)(i)
- The current business model, including the need to return a dividend, can also incentivise the pursuit of lucrative research for the private sector, sometimes at the expense of impactful work for government agencies.
- While CRIs are essential to growing capabilities and providing 'go-to' expertise to support the use of science in policy, government has little oversight on the development of or management of nationally critical capabilities, especially when under financial pressure.

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International

1.5. Switzerland and Peru signal future cooperation under Article 6

Switzerland and Peru have announced progress towards implementing Article 6 pilot projects from 2021. The bilateral agreement is expected to be signed mid next-year, and aims to reduce emissions in Peru, enhance the ambition of Switzerland's NDC, and operationalise Article 6. The announcement outlines key elements of the proposed cooperation between both countries, which could include two-way transfers between Governments as well as transfers to third parties, including private entities. The announcement addresses how the cooperation will ensure environmental integrity, how mitigation outcomes will be transferred, authorised and verified, and how it would contribute to sustainable development. The cooperation agreement will be amended to ensure it is compliant with the Article 6 rulebook, once agreed.

The announcement signals a desire by Switzerland, which has indicated it intends to use international carbon markets to meet its NDC, to move ahead with Article 6 cooperation. s 9(2)(j)

1.6. New Zealand hold agricultural talks with Ireland

In October, MPI officials visited Ireland for agricultural talks with a range of Irish ministries. These covered climate policy given that Ireland's agricultural emissions represent 32 percent of total emissions. Ireland indicated EU regulations, such as a nitrate directive setting a maximum number of cows per hectare and production quotas limiting dairy, had restrained its agricultural emissions. Removal of dairy quotas had, however, seen an increase in their dairy herd and consequent increase in emissions. Ireland is already active in the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases, but the visit identified appetite for closer collaboration with

New Zealand. A visit to Ireland by Minister O'Connor in 2020 is being considered to advance broader agricultural cooperation.

1.7. Australian public service restructure

PM Morrison has just announced a public service restructure, but has said no Ministerial changes for now.

The Department of the Environment and Energy (DoEE) will be split up as follows:

- Current Environment functions, including Antarctic and National Parks, will be consolidated with the current Department of Agriculture to enable the creation of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment; and
- Current Energy and Climate functions will be consolidated with the current Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to enable the creation of the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

These changes will take effect on 1 February 2020. DFAT, responsible for international climate change matters, looks unaffected.

Current DoEE Secretary David Fredericks will be appointed as Secretary of the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources. Andrew Metcalfe is to be appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

2. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

2.1. Release of the New Zealand's Fourth Biennial Report

2.2. Start of consultation on the provisional emissions budget and NZ ETS unit supply and price settings (contingent on Cabinet approval)

3. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 13 December

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
TBC	Communicating/updating New Zealand's NDC	MfE	Advice on the approach for recommunicating New Zealand's nationally determined contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement. <i>To be printed at COP</i>
2019-B-06308	Establishing the Climate Change Commission – Monitoring Arrangements	MfE	This sets out for you the monitoring arrangements that will be put in place by MfE, and the actions and meetings that are expected of you as the responsible Minister during the course of the year.

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
			The BN will go to the Office on 12 December but does not need to be printed at COP
2019-B-06239	Submission of the Fourth Biennial Report to the UNFCCC	MfE	Notifying the Minister of the upcoming submission of New Zealand's Fourth Biennial Report on climate change under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. <i>To be printed at COP</i>

Papers for week ending 20 December

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2019-B-06249	Referring decisions on voluntary farm-level participation to Select Committee	MfE	Seeks Minister's approval to refer policy decisions on voluntary farm-level participation in emissions pricing and reporting to the Environment Select Committee, for consideration as part of the Climate Change (Emissions Trading Reform) Amendment Bill.
2019-B-06290	Climate Change 3 Year Work Plan - Quarterly update Q2 2019-20	MfE	Climate Change 3 Year Work Plan - Quarterly update Q2 2019-20
TBC	Adaptation intervention options – initial advice	MfE	As discussed in the adaptation monthly meeting on 5 December, this initial advice will provide an overview of regulatory barrier to climate change adaptation and options for addressing these.

4. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Timeframes
TBC	NDC communication / update	ENV	This paper proposes how NZ will communicate / update its NDC in February/March 2020	Lodge: 13 Feb ENV: 21 Feb Cabinet: 24 Feb
TBC	Establishing the Climate Change Commission – Nominating Committee Appointments	APH	This paper proposes the appointments for the Nominating Committee	Lodge: 13 Feb APH: 19 Feb Cabinet: 24 Feb

5. Cabinet material for proactive release

Paper number	What this paper covers	Date confirmed by Cabinet	Date due to your office	Date due for proactive release	Date published
2019-B-06234	Approval to consult for NZ ETS auctioning rules: Requesting approval to proactively release the Cabinet paper that was decided at Cabinet on Monday 11 November 2019 for Approval to consult on the NZ ETS auctioning rules. Consultation is now open and runs from 12 November to 19 December	See briefing			
2019-B-06305	Proactive release of agricultural emissions work programme up to passing of Supplementary Order Paper: This briefing seeks approval for proactive public release of all advice and cabinet papers for the joint-agency agricultural emissions work programme, up to and including Cabinet approval of the Supplementary Order Paper for including agricultural emissions provisions in the Emissions Trading Reform Bill. This approach was requested by the Prime Minister's Office.	See briefing			

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6. OIA requests

6.1. Ministerial

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<p>I confirm that we are seeking formal advice which would have been presented to and/or considered by the Minister, contained in briefing papers (together with any supporting documents referenced in those briefing papers). Our request relates to information supplied to and/or considered by the Minister for Climate Change and the Minister for the Environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice to the Minister for Climate Change and the Minister for the Environment on the range of options considered by the Government to address greenhouse gas emissions. • Advice to the Minister for Climate Change and Minister for the Environment on how failure to address the adverse effects of climate change may specifically impact Māori and how measures to address climate change may specifically impact Māori. • Engagement with Māori conducted by the Ministry and/or Minister on the Zero Carbon Bill and New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) review consultation between April 2018 and March 2019, including engagement plans and hui minutes. 	s 9(2)(a)		OIA219	MfE	6-Dec-19	21-May-19
<p>* 6/09/2019 19-B-05881 Talking points – NZ ETZ exemptions for Fox Glacier Landfill waste 12/09/2019 19-B-06001 A Draft Proposal for the Provisional Emissions Budget 13/09/2019 19-B-06016 Aide Memoire – Getting to farm level interim Options 1 and 2</p>	s 9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	OIA290 / 19-O-02588 James Shaw	MfE	10-Dec-19	17-Dec-19

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*Can I please have all notes and briefings prepared ahead of or as a result of Minister James Shaws' 14 Oct meeting with the chief economist, BP. Could that please include a copy of the meeting minutes and any slide shows or documents prepared for the meeting.	s 9(2)(a)	Mediaworks	OIA293 / 19-O-02621 James Shaw	MfE	16-Dec-19	23-Dec-19
*All advice, briefings, reports, memos, and emails Minister Shaw has received regarding the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill, between 1 October 2019 and 14 November 2019.	s 9(2)(a)	NZME	OIA295 / 19-O-02617 James Shaw	MfE	16-Dec-19	23-Dec-19
I would like to request the following under the OIA: One Billion Trees Fund Six month monitoring and evaluation report, provided to the Minister on September 10. IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land provided to the Minister on September 17	s 9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	19-O-02675 James Shaw	MfE	Tue 14 Jan	Tue 21 Jan

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6.2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade OIAs

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All briefings, updates or reports to the Minister that relate to climate change in the Pacific in past two years, and information that is within the Pacific reset strategy that relate to climate change in the Pacific.	s 9(2)(a)	Victoria University	22 Nov 2019 – first tranche released
Advice provided to the Minister for Climate Change from May 2018 regarding the proposed Zero Carbon Act, including written advice in the form of briefings to the Minister from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs & Trade.	s 9(2)(a)	Victoria University	18 Dec 2019
All papers in relation to climate-related displacement and migration.	s 9(2)(a)		18 Dec 2019
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All papers that discuss climate-related displacement and migration.	s 9(2)(a)		24 Dec 2019 – re scope email sent, yet to be replied to



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Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment
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3	Fourth Biennial Report release – background and report content	Nigel	10 min
4	He Waka Eke Noa – feedback on terms of reference	Mark	10 min

Upcoming meetings 16 December – 27 December

Monday, 16 December	Meeting with Kurt Janssen, Orbica Ltd
Tuesday, 17 December	MfE Officials Meeting Launch of the Climate Change Commission 50 Shades of Green
Wednesday, 18 December	Genesis Energy (TBC) MFAT Officials Meeting
Thursday, 19 December	Gavin Starks, Icebreaker MfE Kotahitanga
Friday, 20 December	Office closed

1. Key decisions for you to make this week

a. Delegating Authority

Under the Cabinet Office circular CO (18) 2, departments require a delegation from the appropriation Minister to incur expenses and capital expenditure against non-departmental appropriations.

We are seeking your approval to delegate the appropriate authority to the Chief Executive and sub-delegates for the following non-departmental 'climate change' appropriations:

- Climate Change Commission; and
- Climate Change Commission: Capital Contribution.

The delegated authority will allow the Chief Executive of the Ministry for the Environment to release funding to the Climate Change Commission in line with the appropriation. The Board of the Climate Change Commission will then delegate to the Chief Executive of the Climate Change Commission the authority to spend that funding. This will reduce your administrative workload and assist us in performing our operational responsibilities. If you delegate authority to incur expenses, you retain the right to instruct us at any time to incur expenses on behalf of the Crown within the confines of the appropriation scope.

Do you agree to delegate authority to the Chief Executive of the Ministry for the Environment to incur expenses for the non-departmental climate change related appropriations in Vote Environment as noted above?

Yes	No
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Do you agree that the Chief Executive can sub-delegate the authority set out above?

Yes	No
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2. Material for you to be aware of this week

Domestic

2.1. Climate Action Tracker rates New Zealand “insufficient”

In an update on 2 December, the NGO Climate Action Tracker (CAT) has again rated New Zealand’s response as “insufficient”. This was reported in the domestic news media. CAT rates NDCs, 2020 pledges, long-term targets and current policies against whether they are consistent with a country’s fair share effort to the Paris Agreement 1.5°C temperature goal. The assessment notes New Zealand’s leadership in passing the Zero Carbon Bill, but assesses that under current policy projections we will miss our 2030 unconditional target “by a wide margin”.

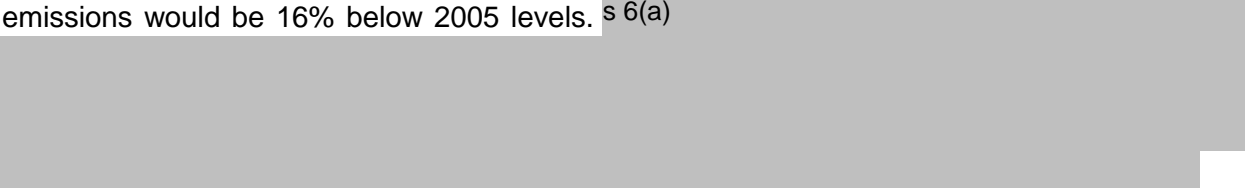
Analysis of New Zealand’s NDC forms a significant part of CAT’s assessment. Their analysis makes a serious error in treating our NDC as a point target of 30% below 2005 gross emissions in the year 2030, instead of a 2021-2030 budget (ie, 30% below 2005 gross emissions in each of these 10 years). Correcting this could possibly improve CAT’s assessment from “insufficient” to “2°C compatible”.

We will be contacting CAT to inform them about our NDC.

International

2.2. Australia releases its Emissions Projections report

Australia has released its Emissions Projections 2019 report as Minister Taylor departed for COP25. It reports Australia will “overachieve” its 2020 target. It also predicts Australia’s 2030 emissions would be 16% below 2005 levels. ^{s 6(a)}



3. Upcoming key events/announcements involving MfE/MFAT

- Start of consultation on the provisional emissions budget and NZ ETS unit supply and price settings (contingent on Cabinet approval)
- Public release of the Fourth Biennial Report on 19 December 2019. The report summarises New Zealand's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions profile, emissions reduction targets, climate change policies and measures, support for developing countries, and progress on implementing New Zealand's obligations under the UNFCCC.

4. Upcoming briefings

Papers for week ending 20 December

Paper number	Issue or event	Lead	Further information
2019-B-06308	Establishing the Climate Change Commission – Monitoring Arrangements	MfE	This sets out for you the monitoring arrangements that will be put in place by MfE, and the actions and meetings that are expected of you as the responsible Minister during the course of the year.
2019-B-06315	Advice on options to support effective climate change adaptation in New Zealand	MfE	This paper is for your Christmas reading, and sets out the broad range of options for new adaptation policy.
2019-B-06290	Climate Change 3 Year Work Plan - Quarterly update Q2 2019-20	MfE	This briefing will provide an updated version of both MfE's domestic climate change 3-year plan and MFAT's international climate change 3-year plan. It will also include information on what has been achieved during Q2 and what the focus for Q3 will be.

5. Cabinet material being prepared for you

Paper number	Paper name	Committee	What this paper covers	Timeframes
TBD	Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability: initial negotiating mandate	DEV	This Cabinet paper will seek an initial negotiating mandate for the Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability (ACCTS)	The paper is currently being drafted by MFAT, aiming for DEV in early March 2020. *
2019-C-06296	Updating New Zealand's nationally determined contribution	[TBC]	This paper seeks Cabinet approval of the narrative for New Zealand's NDC update in March 2020.	This paper is currently being drafted by MfE, aiming for Cabinet on 24 February 2019.
TBC	Establishing the Climate Change Commission – Nominating Committee Appointments	APH	This paper proposes the appointments for the Nominating Committee	Lodge: 13 Feb APH: 19 Feb Cabinet: 24 Feb

6. Cabinet material we have been consulted on

Climate Implications of Policy Assessments (CIPA)

The CIPA requirement came into force on 1 November 2019. The following table sets out current CIPAs that we are working with agencies on, where the CIPA requirements apply.

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the GHG analysis
Response to the Commerce Commission Fuel Market Study	MBIE	Going straight to Cabinet on 14 December.	The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) has been consulted on this proposal and note that the CIPA requirements do not apply. Both MfE and the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) consider that the emissions impacts are unlikely to be significant from the study alone. While a decrease in the price of petrol through improved competition may have an indirect impact of encouraging additional driving, we consider this effect will be small, as demand for fuel is relatively inelastic. MfE will work with MBIE to further assess the emissions impacts of the final proposals to come out of the study before final Cabinet decisions in early 2020.

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*Timeframe subsequently moved to March 2020

Paper name	Agency	Committee	Our advice on the GHG analysis
Crown Minerals Act 1991 Review	MBIE	[TBC]	We are currently consulting on the emissions impacts of the changes to the CMA. MBIE's position is that the proposals in the CMA Review Discussion Document are aimed at better functioning of the Crown Minerals Regulatory system and ensuring that obligations to decommissioning petroleum infrastructure and to plug and abandon petroleum wells are clear (and financially provided for by permit and licence holders). As such any emission impacts are indirect and minor. MfE has yet to confirm.
Building Consent Exemptions in Schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004	MBIE	DEV	The Ministry for the Environment has been consulted on this proposal and note that the CIPA requirements do not apply. The emissions impacts resulting from this regulatory change are indirect and minor.

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7. OIA requests

7.1. Ministerial

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
<p>•all notes and briefings prepared ahead of or as a result of Minister James Shaws' 14 Oct meeting with the chief economist, BP.</p> <p>•a copy of the meeting minutes and any slide shows or documents prepared for the meeting.</p>	s 9(2)(a)		19-O-02621 / OIA293	MfE	Tue 17 Dec	Tue 24 Dec
All advice, briefings, reports, memos, and emails Minister Shaw has received regarding the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill, between 1 October 2019 and 14 November 2019.	s 9(2)(a)	NZME	19-O-02617 / OIA295	MfE	Fri 13 Dec	Tue 24 Dec
<p>Hi,</p> <p>I would like to request the following under the OIA:</p> <p>One Billion Trees Fund Six month monitoring and evaluation report, provided to the Minister on September 10.</p> <p>IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land provided to the Minister on September 17</p>	s 9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	19-O-02675 / OIA290	MfE	Tue 14 Jan	Tue 21 Jan
All documents and correspondence held by the Office of the Minister for Climate Change regarding the funding of any non-officials on the 2020 delegation to COP25, whether this is speakers at side-events, filmmakers, or other non-officials. I would like to know who is receiving Government funding to attend COP25.	s 9(2)(a)		OIA292	MFAT	16 Dec 2019	23 Dec 2019

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Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Reference	Drafting agency	Due at your office/current status	Date due to send
* 6/09/2019 19-B-05881 Talking points – NZ ETZ exemptions for Fox Glacier Landfill waste 12/09/2019 19-B-06001 A Draft Proposal for the Provisional Emissions Budget 13/09/2019 19-B-06016 Aide Memoire – Getting to farm level interim Options 1 and 2 25/09/2019 19-B-06040 Letter to Westland District Council on NZ ETS exemption	s 9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	19-O-02588 / OIA290	MfE	10-Dec-19	17-Dec-19
*IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land provided to the Minister on September 17	s 9(2)(a)	NZ Herald	OIA296	2	14-Jan-20	21-Jan-20

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7.2. Ministry for the Environment OIAs

None

7.3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade OIAs

Request	Correspondent	Organisation	Date due to send
All briefings, updates or reports to the Minister that relate to climate change in the Pacific in past two years, and information that is within the Pacific reset strategy that relate to climate change in the Pacific.	s 9(2)(a)	Victoria University	22 Nov 2019 – first tranche released
Advice provided to the Minister for Climate Change from May 2018 regarding the proposed Zero Carbon Act, including written advice in the form of briefings to the Minister from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs & Trade.	s 9(2)(a)	Victoria University	18 Dec 2019
All papers in relation to climate-related displacement and migration.	s 9(2)(a)		Extended to 23/01/2019
All papers that discuss climate-related displacement and migration.	s 9(2)(a)		24 Dec 2019 – (no response to rescoping, to be refused)

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