



15 April 2024

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Dear 9(2)a

Thank you for your email of 14 March 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could you please send me a copy of the ETS data which MPI was required (under the Public Finance Act 1989) to provide to Treasury (through MfE) for the October 2023 Base line Update (MBU/OBU).

The Ministry has identified one document in-scope of your request, titled 'New Zealand's Emissions Trading Scheme Forestry Allocation and Surrender Forecasts', which is available on the Ministry for Primary Industries' (MPI) website, here:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/56449-New-Zealands-Emissions-Trading-Scheme-Forestry-Allocation-and-Surrender-Forecasts-March-2023-Baseline-Budget-Update>.

Therefore, I am refusing your request in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

Please note that MPI did not provide any new data for the October 2023 OBU forecast as there were no updates to the previous forecasts. The 2023 OBU continued to use data from the 2023 MBU. The data used for the 2023 MBU comes from the "Report – ETS Forestry MBU 2023". Included in the forecast is the data from:

- Table 2 – Used to populate the "P89 deforestation/harvesting"
- Table 3 – Used to populate the "pre-1990 deforestation revenue"
- Table 6 (central forecast) – Used to populate the "Post-1989 forestry allocation"

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

Electronically approved by Susan Baas

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