



13 September 2024

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Thank you for your email of 5 July 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Part 1

- *The strategy document of the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group agreed upon in its meeting on 20th May 2024.*
- *Any other quarterly reports which have been circulated to CPMG Ministers (post the March quarterly report).*

Part 2

- *Any work MFE has done on the recommendation from the March Quarterly Report that “CPMG Ministers work with their line agencies on a plan for those actions in ERP1 that are red, amber, or on-hold. This may include agreeing to stop, change, or reprioritise some actions in line with streamlined priorities, whilst considering any implications for climate change targets and obligations.”*
- *Any advice provided to the Ministers on the recommendation from the March Quarterly Report that “CPMG Ministers work with their line agencies on a plan for those actions in ERP1 that are red, amber, or on-hold. This may include agreeing to stop, change, or reprioritise some actions in line with streamlined priorities, whilst considering any implications for climate change targets and obligations.”*

On 2 August 2024, the Ministry responded to the first part of your request.

Please note that some of the work being done by the Ministry in relation to actions under the first emissions reductions plan that are red, amber, or on-hold is currently under active consideration by Ministers and these details have been withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act in order to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

The Ministry has identified four documents in scope of the second part of your request, as per the attached document schedule.

I am withholding three documents in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act in order to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

The document “*Aide memoire: BRF-4918 – Emissions reduction plans 1 & 2 – waste sector update*” is publicly available at: <https://environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/BRF-5059-ERP2-Waste-MfE.pdf>.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions 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 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.

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Mandal-Johnson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Simon Mandal-Johnson
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Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	20 February 2024	Email: Draft briefing for managerial review and sign-out - Discontinuation of the IWP	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
2	6 March 2024	Email: Request to meet with agency policy leads and modelling leads for discontinued/on hold actions	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
3	21 June 2024	Aide memoire: BRF-4918 – Emissions reduction plans 1 & 2 – waste sector update	Refused in full	18(d)
4	10 July 2024	Briefing: BRF-4968 [title withheld]	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)