



9 August 2024

OIAD-1160

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 11 July 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Any correspondence between the Ministry for the Environment and the Treasury on the recently released Climate Strategy,*
2. *Any correspondence between the Ministry for the Environment and the Ministry for Primary Industries on the recently released Climate Strategy,*
3. *From April 2024 to the present day, any internal feedback or correspondence at the Director and above level on the recently released Climate Strategy,*
4. *Any advice, including Cabinet papers, briefings, meeting packs, memos, aide memoirs, emails, texts and correspondence provided to Ministers on the recently released Climate Strategy.*

As per our email dated 8 August 2024, the Ministry decided to grant your request and required additional time to finalise the documentation for release.

The Ministry has identified 19 documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule. I am releasing 6 documents to you in full. Some information within the remaining 13 documents has been redacted as out of scope of your request, or withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty
- 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

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.

I am refusing one cabinet paper attached to an email in scope of your request under section 18(d) of the Act, as it will soon be made publicly available on the Treasury's website. The Ministry has been advised that the Treasury intends to publish this cabinet paper before the end of August. Once published, you will be able to find it on their website at:

<https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/information-release/finance-portfolio-cabinet-material>.

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](http://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](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hemi Smiler', is positioned above the typed name.

**Hemi Smiler**

General Manager, Climate Change Mitigation  
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

### Document schedule

Doc no.	Doc date	Content	Decision on release	OIA section/s applied
1.	29 April 2024	Email: Draft climate change response framework for Ministers' meeting + attachment	Release in full	N/A
2.	29 April 2024	Email: Draft climate change response framework for Ministers' meeting + attachment	Release in full	N/A
3.	29 April 2024	Email: Draft Cab Paper – Establishing our approach to responding to climate change + attachment	Release in full	N/A
4.	1 May 2024	Email: Climate vision: actions requested + attachments x2	Release in part	18(d) Out of scope information removed
5.	1 May 2024	Email: Draft cabinet paper on CC Vision + attachment	Release in full	N/A
6.	2 May 2024	Meeting Invitation: Climate Strategy Directors + attachment	Release in part	Out of scope information removed
7.	3 May 2024	Email: Key Decisions and Actions: Climate Strategy Directors Meeting	Release in part	Out of scope information removed
8.	7 May 2024	Email: climate vision paper?	Release in part	9(2)(a)
9.	8 May 2024	Email: Key Documents ahead of Climate Strategy Directors Meeting	Release in part	Out of scope information removed
10.	9 May 2024	Email: Draft Climate Vision A3's for MCC Office + attachment	Release in part	Out of scope information removed
11.	13 May 2024	Email: Request for correction in Climate vision cab paper/ERP2 discussion doc	Release in part	9(2)(a)
12.	13 May 2024	Invitation: Seeking feedback on proposed All-of-Government climate 'vision'	Release in part	9(2)(a)
13.	13 May 2024	Email: Climate vision – revised version + attachment	Release in part	9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(i)
14.	14 May 2024	Email: Draft climate approach A3's for MCC Office + attachments x2	Release in part	9(2)(a) Out of scope information removed

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15.	14 May 2024	Email: Draft climate approach A3's for MCC Office + attachment	Release in part	9(2)(a), 9(2)(h), 9(2)(g)(i) Out of scope information removed
16.	20 May 2024	Meeting Agenda: Climate Priorities Ministerial Group Meeting	Release in full	N/A
17.	21 May 2024	Email: Request: Review of cabinet paper – Establishing our approach to responding to climate change + attachments x3	Release in part	9(2)(a), 9(2)(h) Out of scope information removed
18.	23 May 2024	Email: Cab paper on the approach to responding to climate change – tracked post agency comment	Release in part	9(2)(h) Out of scope information removed
19.		Cabinet paper: Establishing our strategy for responding to climate change + minute	Release in full	N/A