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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 21 July 2024 making the following request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to request a copy of any correspondence/advice/comments provided by MfE to the Treasury since 1 January 2024, relating to the potential recognition of a liability for the cost of New Zealand's Paris Agreement NDC in the government's financial statements.

The Ministry for the Environment has identified a range of emails in scope of your request and has collated them into three documents, one per email conversation.

I am releasing one document to you in full.

I am releasing two documents to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(b)(ii) to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by any international organisation.
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions between employees of any public service agency in the course of their duty.
- 9(2)(k) to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

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.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JR' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jacqui Ruesga, Manager – International Markets
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao