



14 August 2024

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Thank you for your two emails of 19 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 26 January 2024: Emissions projections and sufficiency estimates
- 29 February 2024: Draft Cabinet Paper: New Zealand's Climate goals and obligations
- 25 March 2024: Summary of March 2024 Quarterly Progress Report to the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group
- 9 April 2024: Climate Change Chief Executives Board March 2024 Quarterly Progress Report to the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group
- 17 May 2024: Climate Change Chief Executives Board May 2024 Quarterly Progress Report to the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group
- 29 May 2024: Update on sufficiency assessment for ERP2
- 27 June 2024: Public consultation on the second emissions reduction plan
- 14 June 2024: Status of the first emissions reduction plan and emissions budget 1
- 11 July 2024: Final Target 9 report
- Cabinet paper: Establishing our approach to responding to climate change

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified ten documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table. Note that the dates listed below reflect when the papers were dispatched to the Minister for Climate Change. Some of these dates are different to those quoted in your request.

I am refusing five of these documents under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. We expect that these documents will be available on the Ministry's website by the end of August 2024 and that some information will be withheld under section 9 of the Act.

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

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

- 6(a) to not prejudice the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
- 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 Ministers of the Crown and employees of any public service agency in the course of their duty.
- 9(2)(h) to maintain legal professional privilege.

Two of these documents have been previously proactively released. However, I consider that at this time these documents can be released with less information withheld under section 9 of the Act.

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 its 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.

Yours sincerely



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Document schedule

#	Date	Code	Title	Decision	OIA section(s)	Supporting information
1	26-01-2024	N/A	Supporting material for 26 January meeting with MCC on sufficiency and projections	Released in part	9(2)(g)(i)	
2	29-02-2024	BRF-4311	Draft Cabinet paper – New Zealand’s Climate goals and obligations	Released in part	6(a), 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(h)	Four contextual notes have been added to the document in red text.
3	25-03-2024	N/A	Summary of March 2024 Quarterly Progress Report to the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)	An earlier release of the document is available here: https://environment.govt.nz/assets/March-CPMG-meeting-pack.pdf . This release has removed some previous redactions that are no longer required.
4	09-04-2024	BRF-4516	Quarterly Progress Report to the Climate Priorities Ministerial Group, March 2024	Released in part	9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv)	An earlier release of the document is available here: environment.govt.nz/assets/March-Quarterly-Progress-Report.pdf . This release has removed some previous redactions that are no longer required.
5	13-05-2024	N/A	Quarterly Progress Report to Climate Priorities Ministerial Group May 2024	Refused in full	18(d)	The document will soon be proactively released.
6	30-05-2024	BRF-4753	Update on sufficiency assessment for ERP2	Refused in full	18(d)	The document will soon be proactively released.
7	04-06-2024	CAB-441	Establishing our strategy for responding to climate change	Refused in full	18(d)	The document will soon be proactively released.

8	14-06-2024	BRF-4840	Status of the first emissions reduction plan and emissions budget 1	Refused in full	18(d)	The document will soon be proactively released.
9	03-07-2024	CAB-416	Public consultation on the second emissions reduction plan	Refuse in full	18(d)	The document will soon be proactively released.
10	11-07-2024	BRF-5037	Briefing on Final Target 9 Report 11 July 2024	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)	