



9 September 2024

OIAD-1201

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 12 August 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Can I please request a copy of the following briefing under the OIA:
5/3/2024 - BRF-4099 Progress update on the Carbon Neutral Government
Programme*

*And also a copy of any other advice given to the current government regarding the
Carbon Neutral Government Programme.*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified three documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table.

Two documents in-scope of your request are being released to you in part, with some information, including the title of one document, withheld 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.

The document titled *[Report] The Carbon Neutral Government Programme* is being refused under section 18(d), as the information will be publicly available on the Public Service Commission's website by 17 September 2024, here: [Publications - Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission](#). Some information within the document is likely to be withheld 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.

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

Electronically approved by Rebecca Clements on 9/9/2024

Rebecca Clements

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	5/3/2024	BRF-4099 Progress update on the Carbon Neutral Government Programme	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)
2	16/7/2024	[Report] The Carbon Neutral Government Programme	Refused in full	18(d)
3	25/7/2024	BRF-3950 [Title withheld]	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv)