



17 October 2024

OIAD-1265

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 19 September 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Any documents, in full, produced by the agency on modelling changes for the agricultural sector, and how they may have impacted expectations of meeting our emissions targets.

On 3 October 2024, the Ministry for the Environment (Ministry) emailed you requesting a date range to assist us with your request. Your response was since February 2024. The Ministry has defined the timeframe to be from 1 February 2024 to the date of your request 19 September 2024.

The Ministry has identified four documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule. All four documents are withheld 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.

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 Hemi Smiler

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	3/5/2024	Meeting Pack - Climate Policy Modelling Impacts Director's Group	Withheld in Full	9(2)(f)(iv)
2	5/7/2024	Considerations for an out-of-cycle update to New Zealand's Greenhouse Gas Inventory 1990-2022	Withheld in Full	9(2)(f)(iv)
3	16/8/2024	Meeting Pack - Climate Directors Modelling Policy Impacts	Withheld in Full	9(2)(f)(iv)
4	30/8/2024	Direction on treatment of newly available beef and sheep population data	Withheld in Full	9(2)(f)(iv)