



24 October 2024

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Thank you for your email of 26 September 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to make a request under the Official Information Act 1982 in relation to the period between November 2023 and the present date for all information, advice and documents relating to New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), including the Government's obligations relating to the NDC, and any advice, including quantification, on how the Government could or intends to meet the first Nationally Determined Contribution.*

In its current nature, the scope of your request is very broad. The Ministry cannot provide an accurate response in a timely manner without substantial collation or research. The NDC is referenced in numerous documents across various business units within the Ministry. A significant, coordinated approach across the Ministry would be required to identify, collate and assess the relevant in scope material for *all copies of information, advice, and documents that references the NDC for the last year.*

On 2 October 2024, the Ministry contacted you by email to refine your request to a more manageable scope. On 9 October 2024, the Ministry sent you a follow-up email. We did not receive a response from you.

Therefore, your request has been refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information request cannot be made available without substantial collation and research. We encourage you to submit a new, more targeted request for information regarding the NDC if you wish.

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

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