



18 November 2024

OIAD-1332

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 20 October 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to request unredacted versions of the documents released in this OIA:
https://fyi.org.nz/request/advice_on_a_second_commitment_pe*

Given that a decade has passed, the 2013-2020 target is now complete, and that the Kyoto Protocol has not continued, I imagine that the basis for most if not all of the withholdings in these documents no longer applies.

And for clarification - I'm asking for the full versions of these papers so that includes sections that were deemed out of scope in the previous response.

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

The Ministry is extending the timeframe for its response regarding two documents in-scope of your request, as noted in the attached document schedule, by 20 working days under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as consultations necessary to make a decision on these documents in scope of your request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original timeframe.

We will now respond to you regarding these two documents on, if not before, 16 December 2024. Please note that, due to the age of the requested documents, we may not be able to locate unredacted versions of these documents.

Three documents are being refused in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as the requested information is publicly available here:
https://fyi.org.nz/request/advice_on_a_second_commitment_pe

Four documents are being released to you in full.

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

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Document schedule

Doc no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1.	10/2012	Cabinet Paper: 'Climate Change: International Negotiations- Updates New Zealand position pre-Doha'	Extended	15A(1)(b)
2.	10/2012	Submission: 'Doha Mandate Cabinet Paper: Nature of timing of decision on post-2012 Commitment'	Extended	15A(1)(b)
3.	29/10/2012	Status Report	Refused in full	18(d)
4.	22/10/2012	Status Report	Refused in full	18(d)
5.	15/10/2012	Status Report	Refused in full	18(d)
6.	1/5/2012	Briefing note 12-B-00433: 'Cabinet paper: New Zealand's post 2012 mitigation commitment and linkages to the ETS'	Released in full	N/A
7.	23/4/2012	Aide memoire: 'Draft paper and upcoming process for STR meeting on climate change'	Released in full	N/A
8.	Undated	A3 Draft Paper: 'New Zealand's post 2012 mitigation commitment and linkages to the ETS'	Released in full	N/A
9.	Undated	A3 Strategy Paper: 'New Zealand's post 2012 mitigation commitment and linkages to the ETS'	Released in full	N/A