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Dear 9(2)a

Thank you for your email of 10 November 2023 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please could I request a list (titles) of all 2023 Ministerial briefings and Cabinet papers mentioning any of the following. Please consider not just the precise wording below, but the subject matter as it relates to climate change policy:

1. *First emissions reduction plan*
2. *Second emissions reduction plan*
3. *First, second, third or fourth emissions budget*
4. *Nationally determined contribution (current and future)*
5. *2050 target (and review)*
6. *2030 target*
7. *International aviation and shipping - target inclusion*
8. *Emissions trading scheme (performance over 2023 and ongoing review)*
9. *Role of forestry in meeting climate objectives*
10. *Gross and net emissions reductions*
11. *Policy options and costing for meeting emissions budgets*
12. *Government investment in decarbonising industry (GIDI)*
13. *Clean Car Discount.*”

As you are aware, the Ministry interpreted the scope of your request as a list of any briefing or Cabinet paper that was completed in 2023 which relate to climate change mitigation policy. This has allowed the Ministry to search for a wider scope of papers without needing to individually assess whether each applies to the terms detailed in your request.

On 8 December 2023, the Ministry extended the timeframe for its response to your request to 22 January 2024 under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act, as the request necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Ministry.

The Ministry has identified 267 document titles in scope of your request. On 8 December 2023, we provided you with 166 titles that were already publicly available and/or previously assessed for release.

The remaining titles are detailed in the attached document schedule. 82 titles have been provided to you in full.

One title has been withheld in part, and 18 titles withheld in full, under the following sections of the Act:

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)(j) *to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).*

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



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Papers released in full

| Code | Title |
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| BRF-3139 | Policy changes for Industrial allocation amendment Bill |
| BRF-3867 | Cabinet proposal to undertake work towards a commitment to Recloaking Papatūānuku |
| BRF-2725 | NDC Strategy Cabinet paper overview/outline |
| BRF-3773 | Section 5K request on second Nationally Determined Contribution |
| BRF-3854 | Revised Section 5K request on second Nationally Determined Contribution |
| BRF-3871 | Further revised section 5K request on second Nationally Determined Contribution |
| BRF-3921 | Final section 5K request in second Nationally Determined Contribution |
| BRF-3000 | Revised Draft NDC Strategy |
| CAB-215 | Nationally Determined Contribution Strategy |
| BRF-3159 | Draft NDC strategy Cabinet paper |
| CAB-274 | Developing a Carbon Removals Strategy |
| CAB-324 | Scope, Approach, Accountabilities and Timeframe (SAAT) for delivery of the second emissions reduction plan |
| BRF-3129 | Progressing an Order in Council to defer NZ ETS reporting obligations for animals-farmer activities |
| BRF-2772 | Draft Cabinet paper: Engagement with very large emitters: investment package for significant decarbonisation proposal |
| BRF-2842 | Final Cabinet paper: Engagement with very large emitters: investment package for significant decarbonisation proposal |
| CAB-234 | Engagement with very large emitters: investment package for significant decarbonisation proposal |
| BRF-3004 | Draft Cabinet paper: Late Payment Penalties and Industrial Allocation Amendment Bill - Further Policy Decisions |

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| CAB-255 | Late Payment Penalties and Industrial Allocation Amendment Bill - Further Policy Decisions |
| BRF-3379 | Proactive release of Late Payment Penalties and Industrial Allocation Amendment Bill papers |
| BRF-2508 | Climate Economic and Fiscal Assessment report |
| BRF-2713 | Joint report: Funding and Financing the Transition - Draft Cabinet paper for feedback |
| CAB-233 | Joint Paper: Funding and Financing the Climate Transition: May 2023 Report-Back |
| BRF-2718 | Joint paper: Funding and Financing the transition - final Cabinet paper |
| BRF-3260 | Potential scope and objectives of a climate dividend |
| BRF-3161 | International Cooperation for Mitigation - next steps |
| BRF-2824 | He Waka Eke Noa's six-month report March 2023 |
| BRF-2815 | Update on All of Government on Climate Hub |
| BRF-3675 | Climate Data Infrastructure Tagged Contingency Drawdown |
| BRF-2662 | Draft Cabinet Paper: New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) review – 2023 process update |
| BRF-2770 | Follow up advice on implementation agency arrangements for agriculture emissions pricing system |
| CAB-225 | Emissions Trading Scheme Climate Change (Eligible Industrial Activities) Amendment Regulations 2023 |
| BRF-2711 | Draft Cabinet paper: Emissions Trading Scheme Climate Change (Eligible Industrial Activities) Amendment Regulations 2023 |
| BRF-2712 | Draft Cabinet paper and discussion document: Forestry ETS cost recovery Tranche 2 |
| BRF-2637 | Annual updates for New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme regulations - topics and timing |
| CAB-198 | New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Approval to consult on new proposed fees and annual charge for forestry cost recovery |
| BRF-2742 | Redesigning the NZ ETS permanent forest category: update on options development, engagement and consultation timings |
| BRF-2843 | Removals Strategy Proposal |
| BRF-2846 | A review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: discussion document |

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| BRF-2881 | Cover brief - Draft Cabinet paper for approval to consult on permanent forest category redesign in NZ ETS |
| BRF-2933 | Cover brief - amended Cabinet paper and discussion document on proposals to redesign the permanent forest category |
| CAB-211 | Approval to consult on annual updates to New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme limits and price control settings for units 2023 |
| BRF-2992 | Draft Cabinet Paper and discussion doc: Approval to consult on the annual update to NZ Emissions Trading Scheme limits and price control settings |
| BRF-3128 | Review of the NZ ETS auctions confidential reserve price methodology |
| BRF-2863 | Options for setting standards for agriculture emissions calculator |
| BRF-3312 | International cooperation on mitigation - first draft of the Cabinet paper |
| CAB-203 | International Cooperation on Mitigation to Reduce Emissions and Complement Domestic Action |
| CAB-214 | NZ ETS final market governance framework |
| BRF-3351 | Draft Cabinet Paper - Tranche two changes to cost recovery settings in the forestry component of the ETS |
| CAB-299 | ETS forestry cost recovery regulations tranche 2. |
| BRF-3488 | Update to Tranche 2 of cost recovery in the forestry ETS |
| BRF-3390 | 2023 initial advice on New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme limits and price control settings for units |
| BRF-3504 | Proposal to extend times for forest re-establishment in the Emissions Trading Scheme in response to the severe weather in early 2023 |
| BRF-3491 | Annual decision-making processes for NZ ETS settings |
| CAB-275 | 2023 Update to New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme limits and price control settings for units |
| CAB-342 | Further policy proposals to amend the Climate Change Response (Late Payment Penalties and Industrial Allocation) Amendment Bill |
| CAB-331 | Climate Change (Forestry) Amendment Regulations 2023 |
| BRF-3810 | Cover briefing for draft NZ ETS Forestry Cost Recovery Legislative Cabinet paper |
| BRF-3806 | ETS Review Ministerial update |

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| BRF-3874 | Final Cabinet paper for lodgement: Climate Change (Forestry) Amendment Regulations 2023 |
| BRF-3859 | NZ ETS unit settings reasons for difference report |
| BRF-3680 | Authorise drafting to make an Order in Council to defer NZ ETS animals-farmers' obligations |
| BRF-3890 | Order in Council to defer NZ ETS animals-farmers' obligations - Approval to lodge Cabinet Paper |
| CAB-353 | Deferral of Climate Change Response Act 2002 obligations for animals-farmer activities |
| BRF-3876 | Review of the NZ ETS auctions confidential reserve price methodology |
| BRF-3380 | Approval of industrial allocation data collection rules and Gazette Notices |
| BRF-3945 | Changes to industrial allocation data form |
| BRF-3940 | Proactive release related to Climate Change (Animals–Farmer Activities) Order 2023 |
| BRF-3140 | Next steps on agricultural emissions pricing |
| BRF-3202 | Options to progress an OiC to defer reporting obligations under the NZ ETS for animals-farmer activities |
| BRF-3229 | The innovation pathway and on-farm sequestration |
| BRF-3213 | Progression of a farm level emissions reporting system |
| BRF-3306 | Next steps on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions |
| BRF-3457 | Timeframe to defer obligations for animals-farmers under the NZ ETS |
| CAB-327 | Progress update on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions pricing |
| BRF-2817 | Impacts of Emissions Prices on Households |
| BRF-3289 | Joint report: Australia-New Zealand Finance-Climate bilateral meeting - further advice and talking points |
| BRF-3288 | Joint Report: Australia-New Zealand Finance-Climate bilateral meeting -Thematic policy areas and level of ambition for ongoing TransTasman cooperation" |
| BRF-3955 | Talking points: Meeting with Dr Rod Carr, 5pm 28 November 2023 |

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| BRF-3910 | Joint Briefing on the upcoming release of Our Atmosphere and Climate 2023 |
| BRF-3885 | Request for communication advice under section 5k from the CCC |
| BRF-3588 | Cover brief - August Cabinet paper. Pricing system for agricultural emissions |
| CAB-358 | Final policy decisions on agricultural greenhouse gas emissions reporting and levy system |

Paper released in part

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| BRF-3337 | Draft Cabinet papers for Ministerial consultation - Carbon Removals Strategy [withheld] | Title withheld in part under section 9(2)(f)(iv) |