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Tēnā koe 9(2)a ,

Thank you for your email of 14 February 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*A 2021 Treasury briefing that was released to me under the OIA this week (T2021/1926) includes the line "The accounting policy has been justified by the Ministry for the Environment to the Audit Office in each of the years since the signing of the agreement in 2016".*

*Could I please have copies of the MfE information that Treasury is referring to - for the years 2018 to present?*

I am releasing the document "Accounting for Paris Agreement - Climate Change Emissions Targets" to you in full. You may also find page 66 of the publicly available [Half Year Economic and Fiscal Update 2023 - 20 December 2023 \(treasury.govt.nz\)](https://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/half-year-economic-and-fiscal-update-2023-20-december-2023) to be useful context.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions 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](https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry 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).

Ngā mihi,

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