

Hon James Shaw

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OIA427

Steven Cranston

By email: fyi-request-16641-9e7c8308@requests.fyi.org.nz

4 October 2021

Dear Steven,

Thank you for your email of 6 September 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"In your capacity as The Minister for Climate Change, can you please provide any documentation, reports, emails or meeting minutes relating to the use of GWP for measuring agricultural emissions (and) how this may influence NZ emissions targets*

The following documents have been identified as being in scope of your request:

- 9/09/2021 B21-0539 Food and Fibre Leaders Forum meeting – 10 September
- 11/03/2021 B-07646 Aligning domestic targets and international commitments

Both documents have been withheld in full under section 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.

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 contact my office if you have any queries about this response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Shaw'.

Hon. James Shaw
Minister of Climate Change