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Dear Barry,

Thank you for your email of 17 July 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I read your announcement on the ERP this morning with great interest.

Can I humbly request the cabinet paper and resulting minute which made the decisions on the released discussion document?

I would also like the cabinet paper and minute for the ERP actions discontinued under the previous government as I was not aware they had discontinued the urban regeneration projects

The Cabinet paper "CAB-416 - Public consultation on the second emissions reduction plan" and its corresponding Minute are being prepared for proactive release and will be available on the Ministry for the Environment's website by the end of August 2024. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act. I anticipate that some information in this Cabinet paper will be withheld 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; and
- 9(2)(h) - to maintain legal professional privilege.

There is currently no Cabinet paper on the discontinuation of emissions reductions plan actions under the previous Government. I must therefore refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

You may find material released by the Climate Change Chief Executives Board useful, which can be found here: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/climate-change/about-new-zealands-climate-change-programme/climate-change-chief-executives-board/climate-change-executives-board-released-material/>. This material includes Board meeting packs and advice from the Board to Ministers and the Prime Minister, as well as six monthly progress reports on the emissions reductions plan.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

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Hon. Simon Watts
Minister of Climate Change

Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	27 June 2024	CAB-416 - Public consultation on the second emissions reduction plan	Refuse in full	18(d)