

Hon Simon Watts

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MOIA-126-24

Dear C Bennett

Thank you for your email of 3 September 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the official information act, I would like to request a copy of the following briefings and advice referred to in your answer to WPQ 51547 (2024):

13/8/2024 – BRF-5159: Outcomes of the Sixty-First Session of the IPCC

14/8/2024 – BRF-5171: Background for Forestry-ETS Stakeholder Dinner at Carbon Forestry Conference

15/8/2024 – BRF-5187: AM to support the Minister of Climate Change for the Primary Production Committee on 22 August 2024

There are three documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule.

One document is being withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

Two documents are being released to you in part, with some information within these documents withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 6(a) making available of the information would likely to prejudice the international relations of New Zealand.
- 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)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.
- 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 contact my office if you have any queries about this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	13/8/2024	BRF-5159 Outcomes of the Sixty-First Session of the IPCC	Released in part	6(a) 9(2)(j)
2	15/8/2025	BRF-5187: AM to support the Minister of Climate Change for the Primary Production Committee on 22 August 2024	Withheld in full	9(2)(f)(iv)
3	15/8/2024	BRF-5171 Background for Forestry-ETS Stakeholder Dinner at Carbon Forestry Conference	Released in part	9(2)(f)(iv) 9(2)(g)(i)