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MOIA144-24

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Dear P Robins

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

“I request a list of any aides-mémoire, briefings, memos, notes, reports, or any other advice, if any, you or your Office received between 29 August and today, listed by agency, title and date received.”

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

I am refusing your request in part under section 18(d) of the Act, as some of the information requested is publicly available through my responses to written parliamentary questions. You can access these responses here:

- List of papers for the week of 26 August 2024: <https://tinyurl.com/36ttchk8>
- List of papers for the week of 2 September 2024: <https://tinyurl.com/yndtu465>
- List of papers for the week of 9 September 2024: <https://tinyurl.com/3dr86zuy>
- List of papers for the week of 16 September 2024: <https://tinyurl.com/23rxxnn7>
- List of papers for the week of 23 September 2024: <https://tinyurl.com/23rxxnn7>

Of the 19 titles previously withheld in my responses to these questions, I am now releasing a further 11 titles to you in full. However, eight titles must continue to be withheld 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.

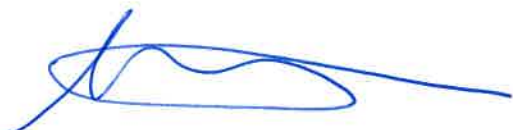
Between 29 August 2024 and 25 September 2024, I also received 18 briefings from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in my capacity as Minister for Climate Change. The list of titles can be found in Annex 1. Four titles in scope of your request have been withheld in full under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 9(2)(f)(iv): to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials;
- 9(2)(g)(i): to protect the free and frank expression of opinions by departments; and
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would override the reasons for withholding it.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602

Yours sincerely

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

Hon Simon Watts  
**Minister of Climate Change**

## Annex 1 -

Briefings received by the Minister for Climate Change from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 29 August 2024 and 25 September 2024.

No.	Date Of Dispatch	Category	Subject
1.	25/09/2024	Brief for Call	s6a and 9(2)(j)
2.	24/09/2024	Submission	COP29 - Invitation to co-facilitate Article 6 negotiations
3.	23/09/2024	Submission	US Presidential Election: Initial Engagement with the next Administration
4.	20/09/2024	Cabinet Paper	s9(2)(f)(iv)
5.	20/09/2024	Submission – Joint	EU Deforestation Regulation: Update on actions to mitigate the potential trade impact on New Zealand
6.	19/09/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting: John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the United States President for International Climate Policy
7.	19/09/2024	Weekly Report	Informal Note — Update for week of 16/9/24
8.	17/09/2024	Submission	Appointment of New Zealand Climate Change Ambassador
9.	13/09/2024	Submission	s6a and 9(2)(g)(i)
10.	13/09/2024	Submission	Priorities for New Zealand's international climate change engagement
11.	12/09/2024	Submission	s6(a)
12.	11/09/2024	Submission	MFAT Strategic Intentions 2024-2028
13.	10/09/2024	Brief for Meeting	Meeting: Canadian Senate Speaker, Honourable Raymonde Gagné and Parliamentary delegation
14.	10/09/2024	Submission	Convention on Biological Diversity: Sixteenth Conference of the Parties, 21 October – 1 November 2024
15.	4/09/2024	Submission	MFAT 2023-24 Annual Report and IDC Report
16.	30/08/2024	Aide Memoire	Aide Memoire — International Maritime Organization Climate Change Negotiation Mandate Cabinet Paper
17.	30/08/2024	Informal Note	Informal Note — Update for week of 26/8/24
18.	29/08/2024	Submission	Weekly Report - 29 August 2024

**Annex 2 -**

Briefings received by the Minister for Climate Change from the Ministry for the Environment between 29 August 2024 and 25 September 2024.

No.	Date Of Dispatch	Category	Subject
1.	29/08/2024	Cabinet paper	CAB-454 - Amendments to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) Regulations
2.	29/08/2024	Briefing	BRF-5183 - Draft LEG paper: NZ ETS unit settings and SGG Levy updates 2024
3.	04/09/2024	Briefing	s9(2)(f)(iv)
4.	04/09/2024	Cabinet paper	s9(2)(f)(iv)
5.	05/09/2024	Briefing	BRF-5240: Response to the Environment Committee's report on the Forest & Bird wetland petition
6.	11/09/2024	Briefing	BRF-5304: Approval to lodge NZ ETS settings and technical regulations Cabinet paper.
7.	12/09/2024	Briefing	Title withheld
8.	12/09/2024	Briefing	BRF-5254: Approval to lodge industrial allocation cabinet paper
9.	13/09/2024	Briefing	s9(2)(f)(iv)
10.	17/09/2024	Briefing	s9(2)(f)(iv)
11.	18/09/2024	Briefing	BRF-5267 - The Climate Change Commission's Quarter Four 2023/24 Performance
12.	18/09/2024	Briefing	BRF-5163 - Progressing Māori Climate Action
13.	18/09/2024	Briefing	s9(2)(f)(iv)
14.	19/09/2024	Briefing	s9(2)(f)(iv)
15.	20/09/2024	Briefing	BRF-5352 - Talking points ahead of CPMG meeting 23 September 2024
16.	23/09/2024	Briefing	BRF-5362 - Talking points for industrial allocation update Cabinet paper
17.	23/09/2024	Briefing	BRF-5386 Meeting with Toitū Tahua: Centre for Sustainable Finance
18.	24/09/2024	Briefing	s9(2)(f)(iv)
19.	25/09/2024	Cabinet paper	CAB-463 Response to the Climate Change Commission's Emissions Reduction Monitoring Report