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12-O-01038

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Thank you for your email of 11 July 2012, asking the following:

*'On 2 July 2012 the government announced plans to further amend the Emissions Trading Scheme ("Government announces ETS amendments", 2/7/2012). I would like to request the following information under the Official Information Act 1982: All advice (including briefings, aides memoire, reports and cabinet papers) on the proposed amendments.'*

The scope of the request has been interpreted as:

- advice related to the proposed changes to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (announced on 2 July 2012);
- received by the Minister Climate Change Issues between the date that the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Review Panel's report was published (July 2011) and the date of your request.

Advice that did not directly relate to the announced changes has been considered out of scope, as has advice that related only to the timing of or process for the announcements. Draft versions of documents that have had their final version released as part of this response have also been considered to be out of scope.

Twenty eight documents fall within the scope of this OIA request. Four have been released in full, twenty are being released to you in part and five have been withheld. The OIA provisions applied in releasing, withholding and refusing these documents are explained in the attached document table. Where information has been withheld from a document, the relevant section of the OIA has been noted. Information that has been removed because it is out of the scope of this request has also been clearly marked.

Under s 28(3) of the OIA, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision to withhold some of the information you have requested.

Yours sincerely

Hon Tim Groser  
**Minister for Climate Change Issues**

Documents falling within the scope of your request

No.	Title	Comment
1	Cabinet paper: Release of the Emissions Trading Scheme Review 2011 Panel's Final Report	Released in full
2	11-B-00378 ETS Scheme Review 2011- Proposed amendments to the Climate Change Response Act 2002 for the Synthetic Green House gas Sector	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s(9)(2)(a)
3	11-B-01022 ETS Review Panel recommendations	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a) s 9(2)(j)
4	11-B-01307. Follow-up to ETS Review: Fiscally neutral options	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a) s 9(2)(j)
5	11-B-02179 ETS Review Project: Policy Proposals for February 2012 Cabinet paper	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a) s 6(a) s 9(2)(j) s 9(2)(h) s 9 (2)(g)(i) s 9(2)(f)(iv)
6	12-B-00061 Fiscal implications of proposed changes to the NZ ETS	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a)
7	12-B-00624 Fiscal and economic impacts of potential policy options	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a) s 9(2)(j) s 6(a) s9 (2)(g)(i)

8	11-B-01671 (joint MPI) ETS Review Panel recommendations – Work programme and priorities for the February 2012 Cabinet paper	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a) s 9(2)(j) s 9(2)(g)(i) s 6(a)
9	11-B-01834 Joint Briefing: Potential fiscal savings from forestry allocation if offsetting is introduced	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a) s 9(2)(h) s 9(2)(g)(i)
10	12-B-00746 (Joint with Treasury) Accounting by the Crown for the NZ ETS and climate change commitments	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a)
11	12-B-00053 (joint with MAF) Meeting with Iwi Leaders at Waitangi: Climate Change	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a)
12	12-B-00448 (joint with MPI) ETS: Forestry and agriculture settings	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s 9(2)(g)(i) s 9(2)(h) s 9(2)(k) s 9(2)(g)(ii)
13	11-B-00704 Joint Briefing (MPI): ETS review consultation analysis and advice for final policy decisions	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s 9 (2)(g)(i) s 9(2)(h)
14	12-B-00845 (Joint Mfe, MPI, MFAT) Treatment of CP1 pre-1990 forest harvest in offsetting policy	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s 9(2)(j) s 9(2)(g)(i) s 6(a) s 9(2)(f)(iv) s 9(2)(h)

15	MFAT briefing. MFAT Commentary on proposed NZ ETS decisions	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s 6(a) s 9 (2)(g)(i) s 9(2)(j) s 9(2)(h)
16	Treasury report: Climate Change: Scene-setter for 2012 Policy Decisions	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: S(9)(2)(a) S9(2)(h)
17	Treasury report: ETS review 2011: Proposed amendments to the Climate Change Response Act	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a) s 9(2)(j) s 9(2)(h) s 9(2)(g)(i)
18	Treasury Report: ETS Policy Decisions for Ministers	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a) s 9(2)(h) s 9(2)(g)(i)
19	A3 for Minister – Offsetting second tranche and fiscal costs	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s 9(2)(h)
20	A3- Implications for NZU price with auctioning under various caps on the amount of overseas units purchased – to aide Ministerial discussion	Released in full
21	Indusial Allocation fiscals – 1 page summary) plus covering e-mail	Released in full

22	Status report Week beginning 18 June 2012 Minister for Climate Change Issues	Released in full
23	Memo: Final Cabinet paper: ETS Review 2012- Proposed amendments to the Climate Change Response Act	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s 9(2)(h)
24	10-B-00944: Update on the Government's Kyoto Unit Position and Management strategy	Released in part, with withholds under the following sections: s (9)(2)(a)
25	Cabinet paper: Emissions Trading Scheme Review 2012 – proposed amendments to the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (and associated RIS) <a href="http://climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/ets-amendments/index.html">http://climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/ets-amendments/index.html</a> ,	Refused under 18(d) with the withholds below as per the published version s 6(a) s 6(b)(i) s 6(e) s 9(2)(a) s 9(2)(b)(ii) s 9(2)(f)(iv) s 9(2)(g)(i) s 9(2)(h) s 9(2)(j)
26	Cabinet paper: ETS Scheme Review – Proposed Amendments to the climate change response Act 2002 for the synthetic greenhouse gas sector (and associated RIS) <a href="http://climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/ets-amendments/index.html">http://climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/ets-amendments/index.html</a> ,	Refused under 18(d)
27	Cabinet paper: Forestry, agriculture and other technical and operational changes to facilitate the efficient administration of the Emissions Trading Scheme (and associated RIS) <a href="http://climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/ets-amendments/index.html">http://climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/ets-amendments/index.html</a> ,	Refused under 18(d) with the withholds below as per the published version s 6(c) s 9(2)(j) s 9(2)(k)
28	Cabinet paper: Emissions Trading Scheme Review 2012 – final decisions on amendments to the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (and associated RIS) <a href="http://climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/ets-amendments/index.html">http://climatechange.govt.nz/emissions-trading-scheme/ets-amendments/index.html</a> ,	Refused under 18(d) with the withholds below as per the published version s 6(a) s 9(2)(b)(ii) s 9(2)(ba) s 9(2)(f)(iv) s 9(2)(g)(i) s 9(2)(h) s 9(2)(j)