



Ref: OIA 2026-007

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Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request of 16 June 2026 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"... This request relates to the "targeted review of the advisory frameworks and analytical tools" undertaken by the Ministry for the Environment and the Climate Change Commission in 2025 (the Framework Review), as referred to in the Consultation Document...

In respect of that Framework Review (including the processes and engagement described in the report and Terms of Reference), we request:

(a) the names of all participants involved in, or consulted as part of, the Framework Review, including the organisations represented and/or roles held (or, where names are withheld, the relevant organisation and/or role), including:

- (i) any government agencies involved in the Framework Review in addition to the Ministry for the Environment and the Climate Change Commission;*
- (ii) any external expert advisors engaged to support the review (including the "wise heads" referred to in the Terms of Reference); and*
- (iii) any other stakeholders or external parties whose input was sought or relied upon, including through any stakeholder engagement processes.*

(b) any documents (beyond the report and Terms of Reference) relating to the establishment and conduct of the Framework Review, including its purpose, scope, governance, and selection of participants; and

(c) copies of all materials, questions, scenarios, or briefings provided to participants as part of the Framework Review"



The Commission has considered your request in accordance with the Act.

Response

The Framework review referred to in your request was undertaken and led by the Ministry for the Environment, now the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport (MCERT). The Climate Change Commission provided input to some parts of this review.

As part of the Commission's input, staff delivered presentations to the review participants and MCERT at various workshops; some of these were used by Commission staff to talk MCERT officials through the considerations the Commission makes in determining its ETS advice. Pre-reading material was also prepared for participants in the review.

It is important to note that the Commission uses modelling as one source of evidence to inform its advice. Identifying limitations is a normal and important part of robust policy analysis. The documents, above, demonstrate that the CCC is actively testing assumptions, understanding uncertainty, and identifying ways to improve future analysis.

I am releasing the following documents to you in response to parts (b) and (c) of your request:

#	Document date	Type	Description	Comment
1	18 June 2025	Memo to CE	Approval to participate in review	Released in full. Note the attached Terms of Reference for the review will be provided to you by MCERT.
2	9 July 2025	Presentation to participants at initial workshop	Slides covering 7 step method and legislative requirements	Slide 4 – information withheld under s.9(2)(h) Slide 10 – information withheld under s.9(2)(g)(i)
3	24 July 2025	Reading material for participants in workshop discussion on NZ ETS emissions cap	Excerpts from Commission's publicly available statutory reports	Released in full
4	undated	Presentation to participants at price control settings workshop	Price controls overview presentation	Released in full
5	undated	Reading material for participants at modelling workshop	ETS refresh modelling and tools workstream	Released in full
6	undated	Presentation to participants at modelling workshop	Modelling and tools workshop	Released in full
7	undated	Presentation to participants at modelling workshop	ETS forestry modelling workshop	Released in full

Further, some information has been withheld from Document 2 in order to:

- protect legal professional privilege (Slide 4). This decision is made under section 9(2)(h) of the Act.
- maintain the effective conducts of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions (Slide 10). This decision is made under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.

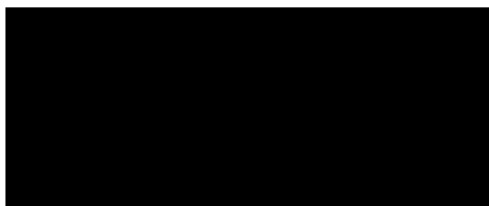
The Commission does not consider that the withholding of this information is outweighed by public interest considerations in making the information available.

As the Commission did not lead or undertake the review, we do not hold information on all the participants involved in or consulted as part of the review (as requested in part (a) of your request). In this respect we rely on section 18(e) of the Act to not provide it, as it does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note that the Commission proactively releases its responses to requests made under the Act. This is to help ensure others can also have access to this information. As such, this letter will shortly be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Nāku noa, nā



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1	18 June 2025	Memo to CE- Approval to participate
2	9 July 2025	Slides – 7 step method
3	24 July 2025	Excerpted CCC advice
4	undated	Price controls overview presentation
5	undated	ETS refresh modelling and tools workstream (pre-read)
6	undated	Slides – modelling and tools workshop
7	undated	Slides - ETS forestry modelling workshop