



File No. 2021-2197

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Dear Darin

Thank you for your email of 2 May 2021 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Please provide me with the most recent long-term electricity pricing forecasts prepared by the Ministry.*

If the forecasts on the Energy Insights website at <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/building-and-energy/energy-and-natural-resources/energy-statistics-and-modelling/energy-modelling/new-zealands-energy-outlook/new-zealands-energy-outlook-electricity-insight/> are the most recent forecasts then please confirm when they were updated, as there is no date of publication on any of the Excel reports.

- *Also, please provide any analysis of the Climate Change Commission electricity pricing forecasts and how they compare to MBIE forecasts. For reference, CCC forecasts are available at <https://www.climatecommission.govt.nz/get-involved/sharing-our-thinking/data-and-modelling/>*

In response to your request for the most recent long-term electricity pricing forecasts prepared by MBIE, the forecast on the Energy Insights website is the most recent one.

However, we published the Electricity Demand and Generation Scenarios (EDGS) in 2019 (<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/5977-electricity-demand-and-generation-scenarios>).

In this report, wholesale electricity prices in real terms are expected to remain at the current level. However, the expectation is dependent on a methodological assumption that wholesale prices are set based on the **long-run** marginal cost of new build entering the market.

Your request for any analysis of the Climate Change Commission electricity pricing forecasts and how they compare to MBIE forecasts. I am refusing this under section 18(e) of the Act; the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.



You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to request a review by the Ombudsman. The relevant details can be found here: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D.J. Griffiths', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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