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Alex Harris

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Dear Alex Harris

Thank you for your email of 30 April 2012 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"an unredacted copy of the RIS for 'ETS review 2011: Proposed amendments to the Climate Change Response Act 2002 – Part 1'.

I have interpreted the scope of the request to be a full, unredacted copy of the document entitled 'Regulatory Impact Statement: proposed amendments to the Climate Change Response Act 2002 – Part 1' that was proactively released in part on the Ministry for the Environment's website.

The attached table lists the information that falls within the scope of your request and notes the provisions of the OIA applied where information from that document has been withheld.

Under section 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 Simon Bridges

Acting Minister for Climate Change Issues

No.	Date	Document	Decision	Grounds for withholding information or refusing request
1	undated	Regulatory Impact Statement — ETS Review 2011: Proposed amendments to the Climate Change Response Act 2002 – Part One	Release in part	<p>s6(a) — release would be likely to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand Government.</p> <p>s9(2)(f)(iv) — to maintain the constitutional conventions which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers or officials.</p> <p>s9(2)(g)(i) — to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinion by, between or to Ministers or officials in the course of their duty.</p> <p>s9(2)(h) — to maintain legal professional privilege.</p> <p>s9(2)(j) — to enable a Minister, Department or organisation holding the information to carry on negotiations without prejudice or disadvantage.</p> <p>s9(2)(k) — to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.</p>