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Dear Mr Riddell

I refer to the Official Information Act request you sent to the Prime Minister's office on 15 September 2015. You requested the following:

*"In an answer to question 6 during Question Time today you [Prime Minister] stated that Treasury advice regarding a carbon emission reduction proposal for Paris included a recommendation to "do significantly less than the Government is taking to Paris". Please provide a copy of that advice, including all related reports, memos, emails, file notes and other records."*

As you know, the Prime Minister's office transferred your request to the Treasury for response on 25 September 2015. The transfer was under section 14(b)(ii) of the Official Information Act, on the basis that the information sought is more closely connected to the functions and responsibilities of the Treasury.

### Information Publicly Available

The following information is covered by your request and is publicly available on the Treasury website as part of a previous Official Information Act response:

Date	Document Description	Website Address
8 September 2015	Treasury OIA response: advice regarding post-2020 emissions reduction target	<a href="http://www.treasury.govt.nz/downloads/pdfs/oia/oia-20150294.pdf">http://www.treasury.govt.nz/downloads/pdfs/oia/oia-20150294.pdf</a>

In particular, documents 6, 7, 10 and 15 contain Treasury's advice on the possible emission reduction targets New Zealand could table ahead of the Paris climate change negotiations in December this year.

Accordingly, I have declined your request for the information listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

Some relevant information has been removed and will continue to be withheld under the Official Information Act, on the grounds described in the documents.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act.

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This fully covers the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Libby Masterton', with a large, sweeping initial 'L'.

Libby Masterton  
**Manager, Natural Resources**