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Dear Simon Johnson

I refer to your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 18 August 2016 to the Ministry for the Environment. Your request was transferred to my office on 19 August 2016 and seeks the following under the OIA:

*"... Your website provides a link*

*([https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Climate%20Change/paris-signing-cabinet-paper\\_redacted.pdf](https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/Climate%20Change/paris-signing-cabinet-paper_redacted.pdf)) to this proactively released document:*

*"Cabinet paper: Paris Climate Change Agreement - Report back to Cabinet and Approval for Signature" dated April 2016.*

*The released document has had some information redacted in paragraphs 8, 18, 33, 34, 35, 42 and recommendation 8.*

*Please will you provide me via the For Your Information website a copy of this Cabinet paper without any of these redactions. To clarify, I am requesting a completely un-redacted copy of the Cabinet paper..."*

Attached is the document relevant to your request.

As you know, the Cabinet paper had been proactively released with some information redacted under the OIA. Following your request I have undertaken a further review of the paper in light of developments since April 2016 and am releasing additional information that it is no longer necessary to withhold to avoid prejudice to negotiations under the post-Paris work programme.

Some portions of the document are still withheld under the following sections of the OIA:

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the new Zealand Government;
- 9(2)(j): to avoid prejudice to negotiations.

Where the information has been withheld under section 9 of the OIA, no public interest in releasing the information has been identified that would be sufficient to override the reasons for withholding it

You have the right under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek a review of this response by the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

Hon Paula Bennett

**Minister for Climate Change Issues**