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Thank you for your email of 17 July 2024 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- *'All advice produced by MFAT that informed the draft second Emissions Reduction Plan, including advice on:*
 - *Policies that were included in the draft plan,*
 - *Policies that weren't included in the draft plan, and*
 - *Previous Emissions Reduction Plan policies or work programmes that were stopped.*
- *Advice on the international implications, including trade implications, for the Fast Track Approvals Bill.*
- *Advice on how the draft second Emissions Reduction Plan will impact on New Zealand's trade agreements and other international agreements.'*

On 25 July 2024, we sought clarification around your second bullet point asking for information relating to the Fast Track Approvals Bill. You confirmed that the second bullet in your request is seeking advice in relation to the draft second Emissions Reduction Plan, regarding any trade and or international implications for the Fast Track Approvals Bill. You were also advised on the same day that any clarification or amendment of a request is considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response (section 15(1AA) of the OIA refers).

No information has been identified as being in scope of your request. Accordingly, we are refusing your request in its entirety under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, can't be found.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade