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Dear Simon Johnson

Following correspondence from the Office of the Ombudsman, and in light of the conclusion of the Paris Agreement, we have had the opportunity to review your request of 22 July 2015:

*" .. I have read with interest the cabinet paper 'New Zealand's intended contribution to the new global climate change agreement' dated June 2015 that is available for download from the Ministry of Environment's website.*

*This paper mentions the comments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in several places (page 11; paragraph 79, page 23; Appendix 6, paragraph 7).*

*Will you please provide me with a copy of the report or document that set out the Ministry's comments and was provided to the writers of the cabinet paper."*

We have identified some material we are now able to release. Attached is the document relevant to your request. Some portions of the document are withheld under the following sections of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 6(a): to avoid prejudicing the international relations of the New Zealand Government;
- 6(b): to protect the passing of information from another government on a confidential basis; and
- 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



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for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

cc: Victor Lee, Investigator, Office of the Ombudsman