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Dear Simon Johnson

I refer to your email of 22 July 2015 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

" .. 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."

I can confirm that the Ministry's comments were provided direct to a draft version of the cabinet paper. No report or document was produced or provided to the writers of the cabinet paper that set out the Ministry's comments. Consequently, your request for information is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA because the requested documentation does not exist.

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