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Cabinet papers dated between
1 January 2001 and 31 December 2024

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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to create a list of all climate-related Cabinet papers and accompanying Cabinet minutes that have been produced and proactively released between 2001 and 2024. The Institute's intention is to ensure that there is a comprehensive list of Cabinet papers in the public arena that set out New Zealand's public policy response to climate change.

This working paper is intended to support the Institute's June 2024 *Discussion Paper 2024/01 – Risks hiding in plain sight: Does a commitment under the Paris Agreement to purchase offshore carbon credits create a requirement to report that commitment in the financial statements of the New Zealand Government?* and its October 2024 *Addendum*.¹

In the Institute's previous research projects, locating and referencing Cabinet papers and minutes have proven to be challenging and confusing. Cabinet references are often missing from the papers and their dates are unclear. Sometimes the papers cannot be found at all. Through experience we have found that the only reliable way to cite Cabinet papers has been to request information directly from the Cabinet Office at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC). This is time-consuming and costly for all the parties involved. This paper aims to illustrate how Cabinet papers can be made more accessible to the public in a timely and accurate manner.

1.1 Acknowledgements

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1.2 The system for recording Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers

All documents that are considered by, and record the consideration of, Cabinet and Cabinet Committees are referred to as Cabinet material. This includes Cabinet papers, agendas, minutes, and reports of committee. In New Zealand, a Cabinet paper is a document that proposes a policy or decision to Cabinet for consideration, while a Cabinet minute is the official record of Cabinet's decisions and discussions. Hence, a paper is the proposal, whereas the minute is the outcome or record of what was decided.² The Institute has reviewed Cabinet papers and minutes related to climate change.

The Public Service Commission's (PSC's) *Proactive Release of Cabinet papers: July-December 2024* notes:

1. Since 2018, all Cabinet papers and minutes must be proactively released and published online within 30 business days of final decisions being taken by Cabinet, unless there is good reason not to publish all or part of the material, or to delay the release beyond 30 days [CAB-18-MIN-0418 refers].
2. Proactive release is different from release under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Cabinet material is published in the interests of transparency.
3. In May 2022, Cabinet agreed [CAB-22-MIN-0168.01 refers] that:
 - a) departments be required to provide information to the Public Service Commission (the Commission) every six months on the number of Cabinet papers approved for release by the relevant portfolio Minister and the number of Cabinet papers released; and
 - b) the (Public Service) Commission report this information to the Minister for the Public Service.

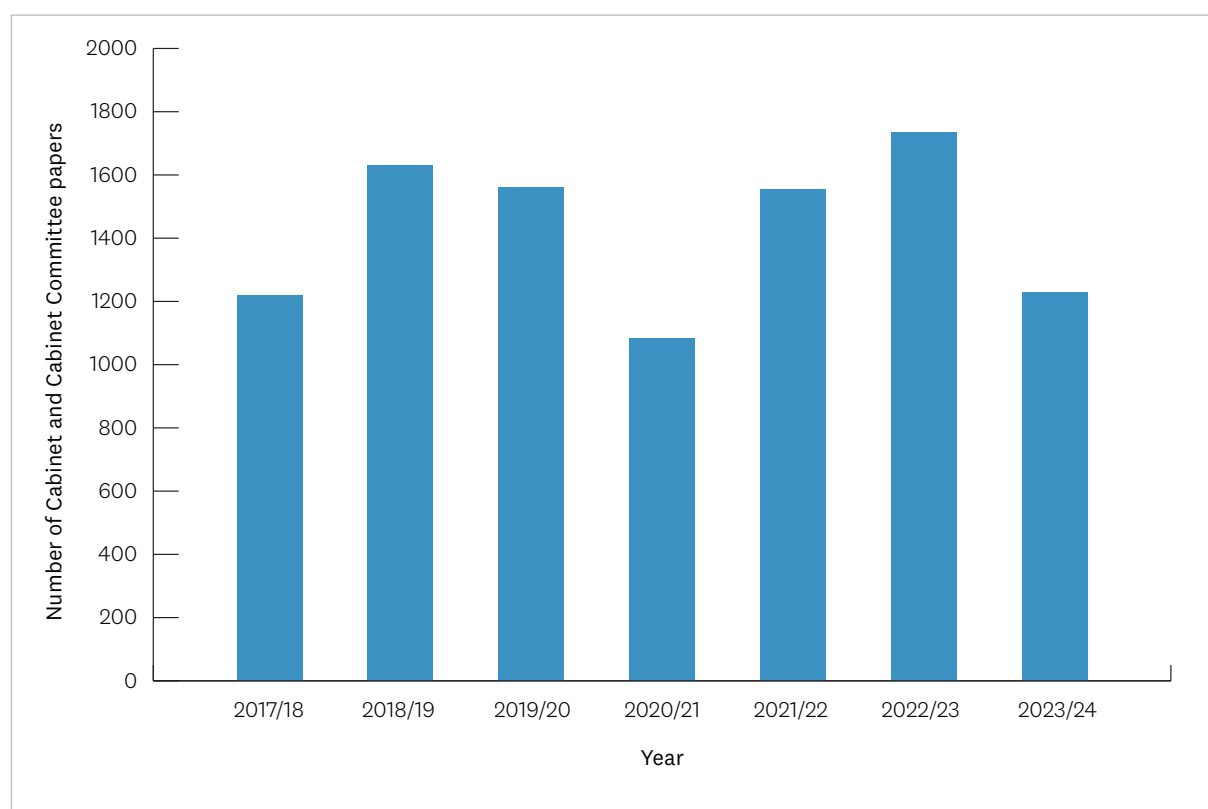
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9. Cabinet Office Circular CP (23) 04 sets out good reasons not to publish material, including national security, privacy or commercial sensitivities. Reasons to delay release (beyond 30 working days) also include waiting for public announcements or for a Bill to be introduced.
10. The 30-working days release period results in papers being published on a rolling basis. This is because papers are approved, prepared and released by agencies on various timelines. These timelines will differ depending on a range of factors including consultation, Ministerial availability, the complexity of any required redactions and individual agencies' proactive release policies and processes.³

The Institute is interested in understanding the process that delivers a Cabinet decision. Hence, the research shown in Table A2.1 contains the Cabinet Committee paper, the Cabinet paper and the subsequent minute in one row. However, DPMC's annual reports list under Cabinet Office statistics the number of summary cover sheets to Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers, Cabinet and Cabinet Committee minutes, and enquiries and requests from Ministers' offices and departments about Cabinet papers and related information. This data is illustrated in Figures 1 to 3. Importantly the data prepared by DPMC and the PSC may not align due to differences in how terms are defined.

Figure 1: Summary cover sheets to Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers for the year ended 30 June

Source: DPMC, *Annual Report*⁴



Notes for Figure 1:

1. This data excludes amendments to Cabinet and Cabinet Committee minutes made as a result of a Cabinet decision.
2. There were fewer submissions and minutes than usual in 2020/21 as less government business was conducted over the election and government formation periods.

Figure 2: Cabinet and Cabinet Committee minutes for the year ended 30 June

Source: DPMC, *Annual Report*⁵

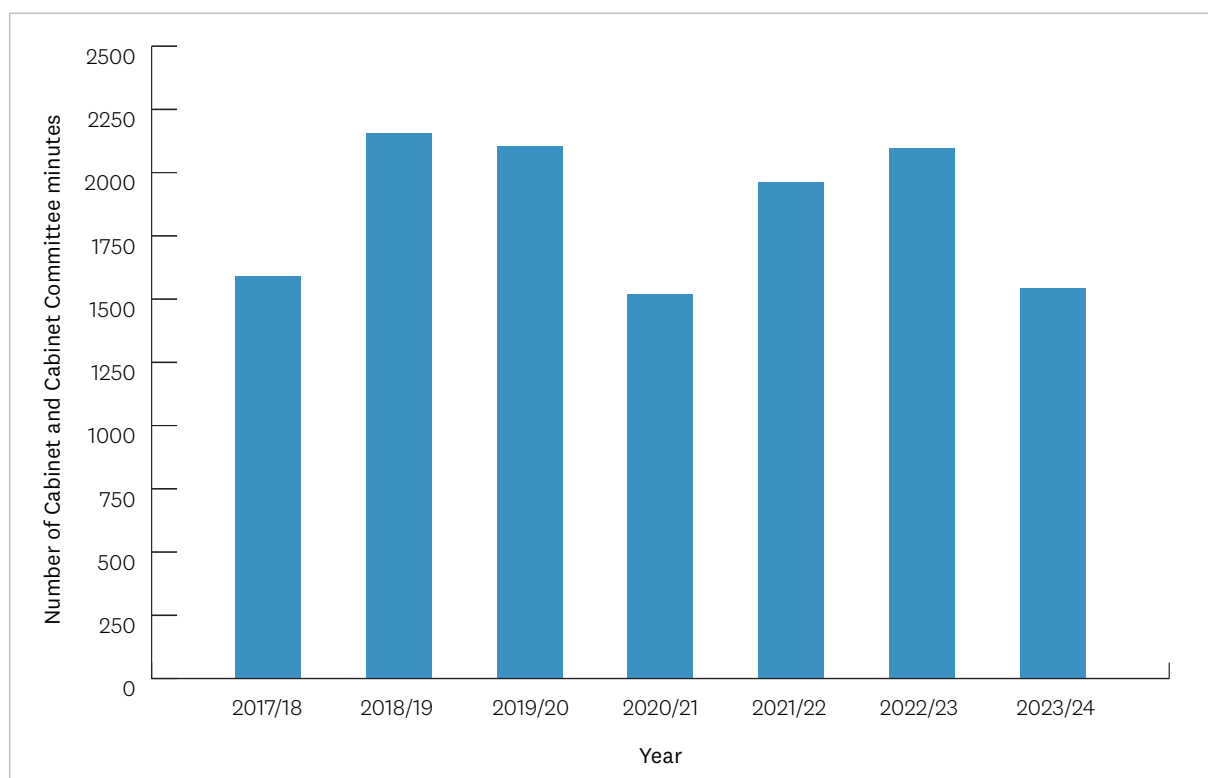
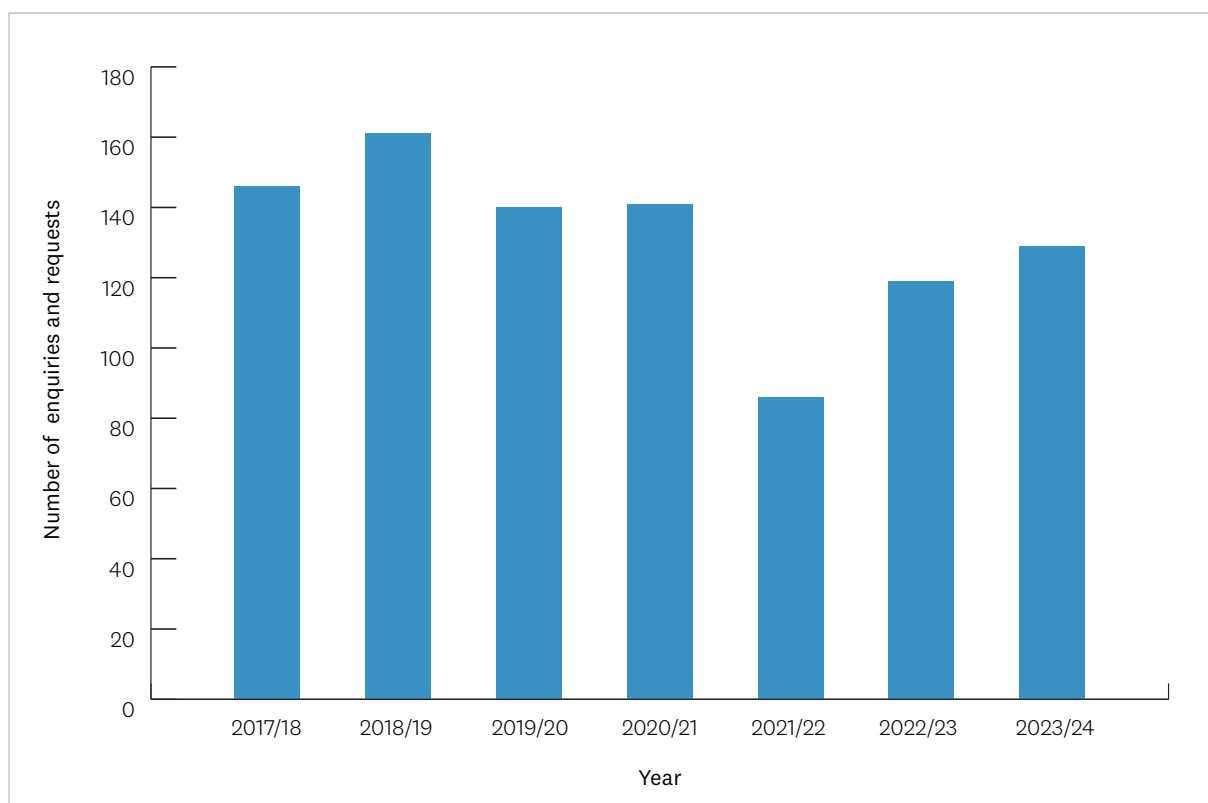


Figure 3: Enquiries and requests from Ministers' offices and departments about Cabinet papers and related information for the year ended 30 June

Source: DPMC, *Annual Report*⁶



1.2.1 Three problems with the existing system

In undertaking this research, we found multiple issues in the accessibility of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers. Figure 4 below aims to illustrate our understanding of how the system currently works and where the problems lie. For simplicity, we have grouped all key issues under one of three problems:

Problem 1: There is no reconciliation between the Cabinet Office statistics (managed by DPMC) and the Public Service Commission statistics.

The public records do not align. The DPMC records ‘Summary cover sheets to Cabinet and Cabinet Committee minutes’ (see Figure A4.1: DPMC’s Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024), which cannot be reconciled with the Public Service Commission’s figure of ‘Cabinet papers approved for release’ (see Figure A4.2: PSC Proactive Release of Cabinet papers: July–December 2024, paras 1 and 5). The problem is compounded because a summary cover sheet can contain several Cabinet papers and minutes, making the number of summary cover sheets less useful.

It is also uncertain whether the term ‘papers’ includes ‘minutes’ or whether they are treated separately. For example, DPMC’s annual reports suggest Cabinet papers do not include minutes, as they have a separate record for minutes in their statistics, whereas the PSC report suggests minutes are treated as a type of paper.

We do not consider that all Cabinet Committee minutes and Cabinet minutes should be combined (see Figure A4.1: DPMC’s Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024). A better solution is to report the number of papers by committee, enabling the Chair of each committee to be accountable for its own statistics. See Recommendations 1–7.

Problem 2: The gap between papers approved for release by Cabinet and those actually released in the public domain is unnecessarily large.

This is represented by 361 papers in the 2023/24 year (as shown in Figure 4 below). We appreciate that each paper and minute needs to be reviewed by a responsible staff member of the specific department and redacted as needed. However, the redacting of private data is easy, and the redacting of confidential data is likely to be relevant to the department involved (e.g. confidential information will generally relate to departments focused on our defence and security) and therefore relatively easy to manage.

We suggest that departments should be required to prepare a proactive release policy and an OIA release policy and make it public on their websites at the end of each financial year. See Recommendation 6.

Problem 3: The papers that are released and published on a department’s website are difficult to find.

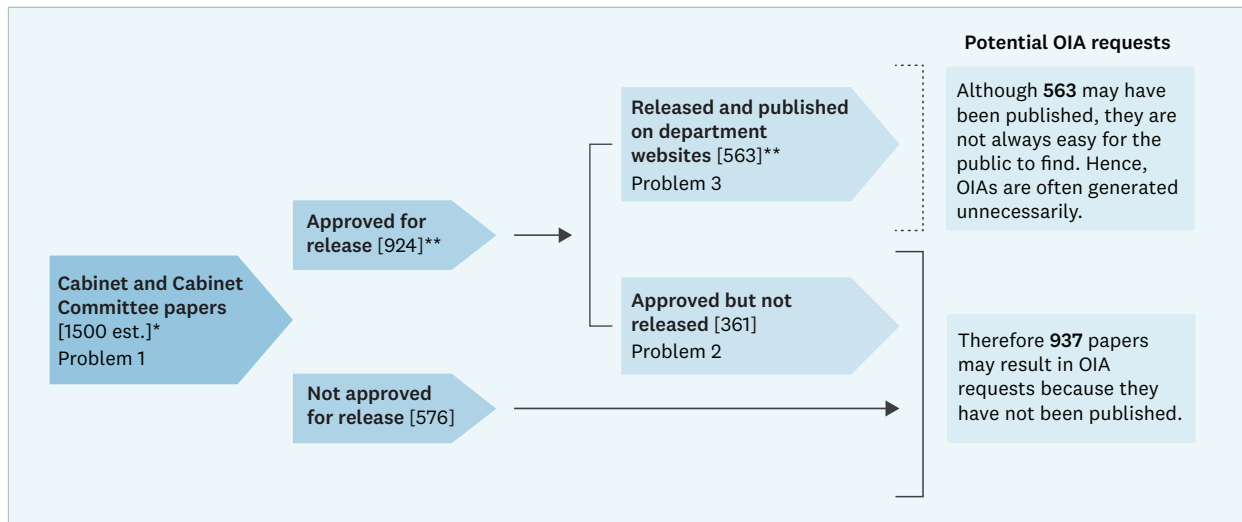
563 papers were published on departments’ websites in 2023/24 (as shown in Figure 4 below). From our experience, we know that papers and minutes are not easy to find. It is not always clear which department holds each paper, and in most cases the official title of a paper is not easy to find or can be very similar to previous papers.

This problem is made more difficult because there is often no date on papers that have been released. All of the above results in the Institute (and likely other parties) making broad OIA requests, which is problematic and time-consuming for everyone.

A related issue is that the lineage of a paper is not always easy to discover. The paper trail commonly starts with a department providing a paper to a committee (often based on a request), which then might be returned to a department for further input in the form of additional research or a change in policy direction. Once the committee signs off on a paper or minute, it may be sent to Cabinet and become a final Cabinet paper or minute. The minute records the resulting decision. From a public transparency perspective, the lineage of a minute is extremely important. We consider more work could be undertaken by DPMC to ensure the lineage is explicitly mentioned on each paper (e.g. ‘this minute relates to the discussion found in Cabinet Committee paper [dated xxx, title, code] and Cabinet paper [dated xxx, title, code]’). Recommendation 4 (p.14) proposes that a Cabinet material register is established to enable all published papers to be easily found.

Section 3 of this paper contains a number of recommendations that would help solve these problems.

Figure 4: Illustration of how the current system fails to deliver timely information to the public



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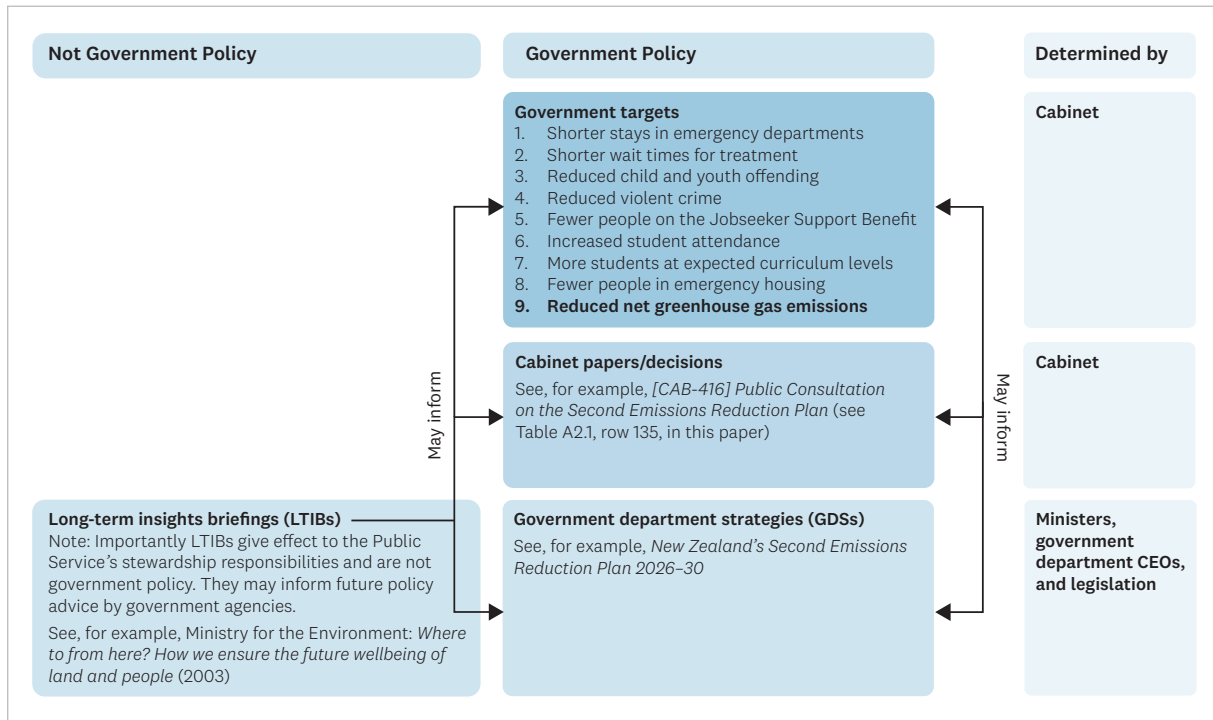
* 1500 is based on the average of the three years of cover sheets. The Institute is aware that the actual figure could be twice or even three times the size, so please treat the figure of 1500 as very approximate. The actual figure, once confirmed, impacts the number of papers not approved for release.

** The numbers 924 and 563 are from PSC and can be found in Table 1.

1.3 The wider context

Ministerial public records such as Cabinet papers promote accountable government through transparency and reliable record-keeping. Together with other key documents, they provide a window into the machinery of Government. Figure 5 aims to show how Government targets (e.g. reducing emissions) are likely to inform Cabinet decisions, which are then recorded in Cabinet papers. Further, those decisions may lead to new government department strategies (GDSs). Other documents such as long-term insights briefings (LTIBs) may inform government policy but are not government policy, yet they are very much part of the overall machinery. The Institute attempts to research and look for alignment between key public documents.

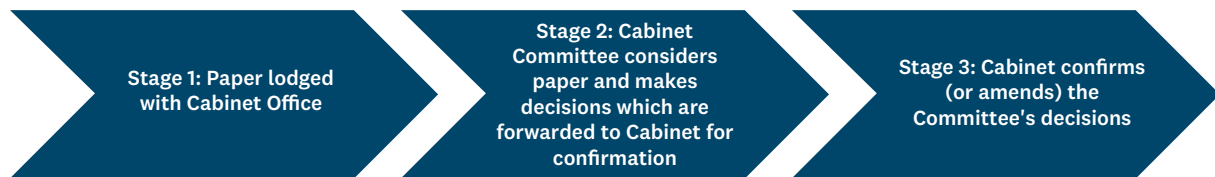
Figure 5: How Cabinet papers fit within the machinery of Government, using emissions as an example



2.0 Methodology

The following section explains the methodology used in the research process for this paper. The process for Cabinet decision-making is illustrated in Figure 6 below.

Figure 6: The standard process for Cabinet decision-making



2.1 Method

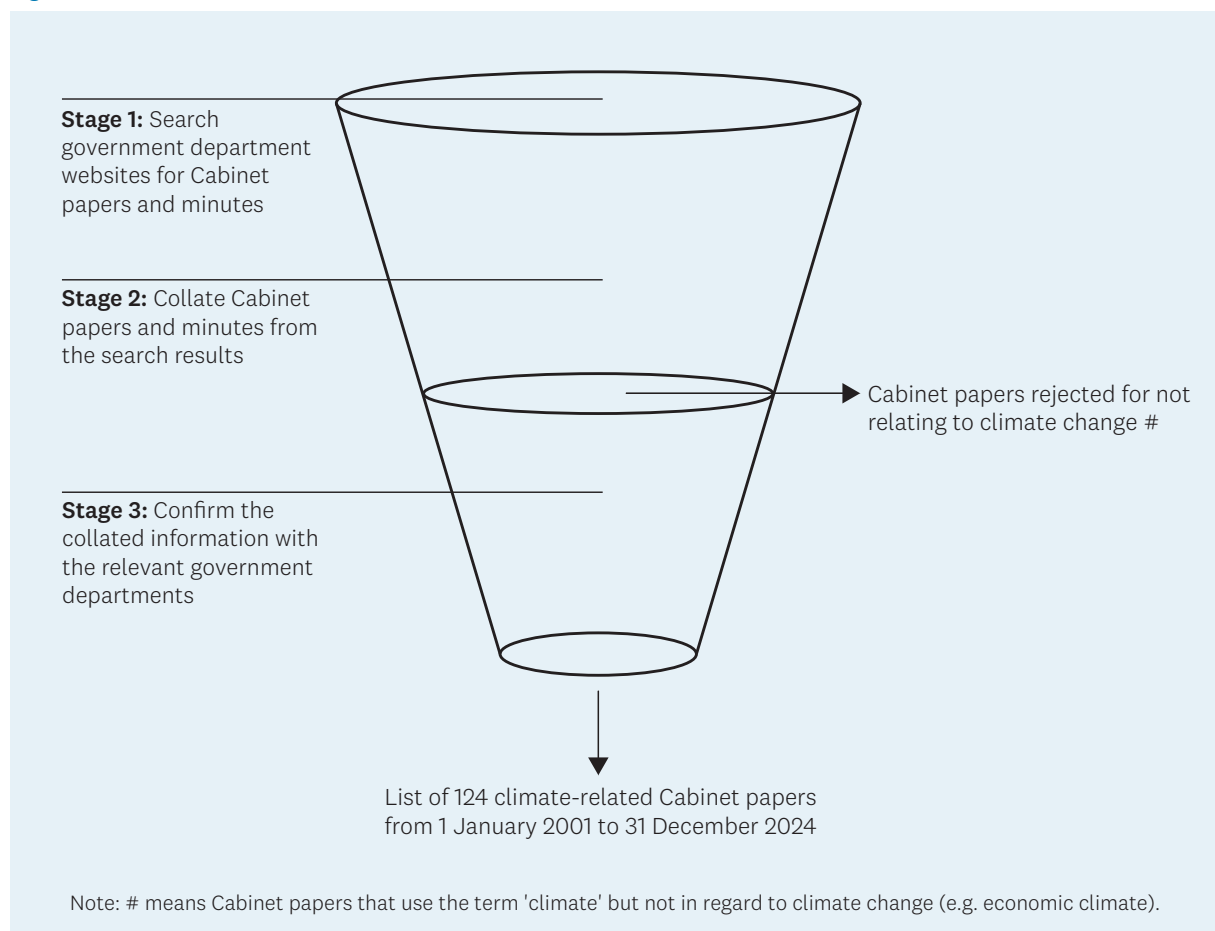
Figure 7 below illustrates the three stages used to develop the list found in Appendix 2.

Stage 1: Search government department websites for Cabinet papers and minutes

Four government departments were identified as most likely to publish climate-related papers on their websites. Their websites were then searched using their publications or media search tools. The term 'climate' was added to the keyword filters to return results relating to climate change. No other filters (including dates) were applied. Searches were conducted on 23 May 2024 and 13 February 2025.

1. Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE)
2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT)
3. Ministry for the Environment (MFE)
4. Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)

Figure 7: Illustration of the method



Stage 2: Collate climate-related Cabinet papers and minutes from the search results

The Institute considers a Cabinet paper (as defined by DPMC)⁷ to be *climate-related* if it meets all of the following criteria.

The three criteria are:

1. It discusses risks, costs and/or opportunities that climate change may create;
2. It discusses how New Zealand might adapt to or mitigate the impacts of climate change over the long term, and
3. It is forward-looking, strategic (rather than operational) and of significant scale.

Below are three examples:

Example 1: A Cabinet paper or minute that discusses options for adaptation against coastal inundation would be considered climate-related.

Example 2: A Cabinet paper or minute that primarily considers investment in the productivity of fisheries and mentions potential future impacts of climate change on this investment would be considered climate-related.

Example 3: A Cabinet paper reporting on the Minister of Climate Change's visit to an international climate conference would be excluded as it is not forward-looking or strategic.

Cabinet papers and minutes that were considered climate-related were collated into an Excel spreadsheet. Any papers and minutes that were not climate-related were left out. The following information relating to each Cabinet paper and minute was recorded in the same spreadsheet:

1. Paper and minute reference numbers
2. Date paper lodged with Cabinet Office
3. Title of Cabinet paper and link
4. Date paper considered by Committee
5. Name of Committee
6. Title of Committee minute and link
7. Date paper considered by Cabinet
8. Title of Cabinet minute and link
9. The government department hosting the Cabinet paper and minute
10. Date paper published on department's website and/or released via a request under the Official Information Act (OIA) 1982
11. The high-level topic of the Cabinet paper

Any information that could not be found by the Institute was noted and was requested from the relevant department as part of Stage 3.

Once the Cabinet papers and minutes had been collated and their information recorded, a secondary search was performed to see if any referred to New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). This was done by searching each Cabinet paper for the following terms: 'INDC'; 'NDC'; 'Nationally'; and 'Paris'. Results were recorded in the same spreadsheet as a 'yes' or 'no'.

Stage 3: Confirm the collated information with the relevant government departments

The Excel spreadsheet was checked by the four government departments via OIA request. This process resulted in a number of OIA requests to each department.

The first OIA was sent on 21 February 2025 and requested the departments to:

1. confirm the information in the Excel and complete any remaining gaps where information could not be found by the Institute, and
2. provide any other relevant Cabinet papers or minutes that were not already listed in the Excel.

The second OIA (and subsequent OIAs) requested the departments to answer any further questions that arose from the first OIA.

For any additional climate-related Cabinet papers that came to our attention via the OIA process we followed the method set out above.

Of note, MFE responded to our second OIA with an additional 59 climate-related Cabinet papers, some of which had already been found in our initial search, but many of which were newly released. This large number was due to MFE releasing a significant number of Cabinet papers retrospectively in late 2024.

The final list of climate-related Cabinet papers that resulted from the above process can be found in Appendix 2 (see p. 13). The table can also be viewed on the Institute's website.⁸

2.2 Limitations and assumptions

1. There is no commonly agreed way in Government to cite Cabinet papers. Given that this research aims to collate a list of climate-related Cabinet papers, the lack of clarity over how to cite a Cabinet paper has proven to be a significant limitation. This was not always the case. Before 2015, Cabinet papers were assigned references by the Cabinet Office. See Appendix 1 for more detail.

It is interesting to note that MFE's OIA response (dated 3 June 2024) included the following statement:

We have also sought information on citation of Cabinet papers and minutes in academic settings. We have been advised that there is no specific correct way to cite a Cabinet paper. The Cabinet Office has advised that depending on what information is being referred to, the respective minute or paper should be cited, or both if appropriate.⁹

Given that officials appear to make their own decisions about citations without a common release protocol (i.e. on what is released, when, where and how it is cited), the Institute recommends a more comprehensive policy should be prepared and published by the Public Service Commission.

2. Related to limitation 1, Cabinet papers include a number of dates, making it difficult to determine which date to cite. The Cabinet Office advised that the date of a Cabinet paper should be cited as the date that Cabinet made a decision on a paper.¹⁰ However, a wide range of dates were found:
 - The date the final draft of a Cabinet paper was sent from the Ministry to the Minister.
 - The date the Minister's office *lodged* the paper with the Cabinet Office (usually a week before committee).
 - The date that the Cabinet Committee *considered* the paper and its recommendations and made decisions (the date on the Cabinet Committee minute).
 - The date that Cabinet *confirmed* the report from the Cabinet Committee (the date on the Cabinet minute). (Note: The Cabinet Office advised that this is the best citation date for Cabinet papers.¹¹)
 - The date of proactive release of the paper.
 - The date that the paper was downloaded from CabNet, the Cabinet Office's online platform for Cabinet administration; this is the date you will find in the footnote of proactively released papers in light grey, small font, and is irrelevant for citation purposes.

Following this advice and for the purposes of this working paper, the Institute decided to include the following four dates in our dataset:

1. Date paper *lodged* with Cabinet Office
2. Date paper *considered* by Cabinet Committee
3. Date paper *confirmed* by Cabinet
4. Date paper/s *released* on department's website. This can either be as a proactive release (which means it has been approved by a Minister/s and made public in the interests of transparency)¹² or as an OIA release (which means it has been made public as a result of a request being approved under the Official Information Act 1982 [OIA]). To learn more about the proactive release requirements for Cabinet papers, refer to Section 8: Official Information and Public Records in the *2023 Cabinet Manual*,¹³ the *Cabinet Office Circular CO (23) 4: Proactive Release of Cabinet Material: Updated Requirements* (29 June 2023),¹⁴ and the section under 'Cabinet Material' in the *2023 CabGuide* (18 October 2023).¹⁵ To learn more about OIA release requirements, refer to the Ombudsman and Public Service Commission websites.¹⁶ The *2023 Cabinet Manual* does not discuss OIAs in detail.

Table 1: Key results for the proactive release of Cabinet papers

Source: Public Service Commission, *Proactive release of Cabinet papers: January to June 2024* and *Proactive Release of Cabinet papers: July–December 2024*¹⁷

	Measure	Jul–Dec 2023	Jan–Jun 2024	Jul–Dec 2024
A	Papers approved for release within the reporting period	401	402	522
B	Papers released	257 (64%)	233 (58%)	330 (63%)
C	Papers released within policy (30 working days or delay, as a % of B)	209 (81%)	191 (82%)	219 (66%)
D	Papers released within 30 working days (as a % of B)	177 (69%)	160 (69%)	251 (76%)

Note: The Institute has assumed that Cabinet papers include minutes.

The Institute uses the four date types above in Table A2.1 (see page 15).

Of note, MFE advised some proactive release dates appeared to be earlier than the dates the respective papers were considered by Cabinet. Many of these release dates were also the first day of the month, suggesting they were estimates rather than exact dates. As a result, the Institute was advised to treat these dates as approximate rather than definitive.¹⁸

5. A number of Cabinet Committee and Cabinet minutes have not been published online by departments.

Of note, MBIE advised that one of the reasons for this is that other minutes were identified as more relevant to the decisions on the associated papers.¹⁹ MFE has also advised that missing minutes were likely never proactively released.²⁰

MPI advised that another reason why Cabinet minutes have not been published is because the Ministry only releases the Cabinet minute if it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision.²¹

6. A significant amount of information relating to Cabinet papers and their respective minutes was unable to be found by departments.

MFE advised in response to missing pdfs:

Where red text remains in these cells, [MFE has] been unable to find the requested information in these archives. This includes most lodgement dates, some Cabinet Committee and Cabinet meeting dates, and some Cabinet Committee and Cabinet minute codes. The missing information may be found in the Government's physical archives, but it would not be held in central repositories such as spreadsheets or tables at these locations. An attempt to locate this information would require a significant amount of time and number of documents to be searched through.²²

7. This research is highly reliant on the accuracy of OIA responses provided by departments. In cases where contradictory information has either been provided or highlighted by departments, the Institute has attempted to clarify and note this; however, unstated contradictory information may still be present in the dataset.

Table A2.1 in Appendix 2 lists all 142 climate-related Cabinet papers and minutes found as part of this research process. The table can also be viewed and downloaded on the Institute's website.²³

3.0 Recommendations

On 11 February 2025, the Minister for the Public Service, Hon Judith Collins KC, recognised the need to transform the way government serves New Zealanders by providing people and businesses with better access to government information 'anytime and from anywhere'. Collins stated:

The use of data and Artificial Intelligence is the big opportunity of our time. We stand at the cusp of a digital revolution that has the power to transform the way our government serves New Zealanders.

If done right, the digitisation of our public service will be game changing, and I am committed to ensuring this happens.

Online portals, mobile applications and AI-enabled interfaces will ensure people and businesses can access important government services and information, anytime and from anywhere.²⁴

What was clear was the existing Cabinet and Cabinet Committee paper process lacks transparency and accountability. Importantly, transforming the existing process will deliver real value in terms of efficiency and cost effectiveness (e.g. fewer OIAs and more informed and timely decisions by the private sector). The outcome should lead to an increased trust in Government. Currently, a great deal of judgement is left to departments to decide how and when to publish these documents and that has led to some inconsistent and poor reporting. For this reason we make the following recommendations:

Recommendations to the Cabinet Office and Public Service Commissioner

- 1. Reinstate the system of providing a unique number for Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers (including minutes), along the lines of the earlier 2015 system.**

See limitation 1 in Section 2.2, on page 7.

- 2. Include in the Cabinet policy paper template a requirement to include a full citation to illustrate how the paper should be cited.**

The current Cabinet policy paper template does not contain information on how to cite a Cabinet paper.²⁵ This recommendation, if implemented, would solve a lot of unnecessary confusion, even for officials referring to the history/background of decisions (see paragraph 6 in Cabinet policy paper template). This has increasingly become standard good practice in government reports. It would ensure that government policy documents are easy to locate and identify, and enable Ministers, chief executives of government departments, other officials, academics and the wider public to have confidence about which paper is being referred to.

- 3. Publish every Cabinet paper and Cabinet Committee paper within 30 days (the default), or, where there is a good reason to keep a paper private and not publish it, publish a one-page summary in its place that contains the key descriptive information (e.g. date, committee, Minister, broad topic, and reason not proactively released).**

The *Cabinet Office Circular CO (23) 4: Proactive Release of Cabinet Material: Updated Requirements* (29 June 2023) states: 'All Cabinet and Cabinet committee papers (Cabinet papers) and minutes must be proactively released and published online within 30 business days of final decisions being taken by Cabinet, unless there is good reason not to publish all or part of the material, or to delay the release beyond 30 business days.'²⁶ Although both the *Circular* and the *Cabinet Manual 2023* explain that reasons should be given if a Cabinet paper or minute is not intended to be proactively released,²⁷ there is no suggestion of how to make those reasons public. Our recommendation is that a summary page, including the reason the full paper has not been released, is published in the 30-day period.

- 4. Establish a Cabinet material register that is managed by the Public Service Commission.**

All public Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers and a summary page of all private papers should be uploaded by departments (after they are redacted, if appropriate) and be searchable by department, Minister, date published and broad topic. The register should be similar to the table in Appendix 2, but expanded to include columns for (i) the Minister/s who signed the paper and (ii) the Ministerial portfolios. There are currently 77 Ministerial portfolios.²⁸ See discussion in Section 1.2.1.

Although there have been numerous attempts to create more transparency in government, the lack of an accurate and comprehensive database to access Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers remains a major gap. In 2022, Hon Chris Hipkins recommended that the Public Service Commission operate a central hub for proactively released material. Cabinet agreed that a reporting regime for proactively released material should be put in place.²⁹ However, this has not happened.

Importantly the new register should reconcile and possibly be an output of the existing CabNet, which contains all the papers of Cabinet and is managed by DPMC.³⁰ A simple system would be for a Cabinet paper to include a tick box to indicate it can be proactively released within 30 working days or for the content to be treated as confidential and instead a brief overview summary be proactively released. This approach should significantly reduce OIA requests (which are time consuming and costly for taxpayers) and enable citizens to have timely access to information. The outcome would be an increase of trust in Government.

Recommendations to the Ombudsman and Public Service Commissioner

- 5. Provide a more consistent policy that clearly sets out the roles and responsibilities of agencies over the publication of proactive releases and OIA responses, and ensures statistics align between DPMC and the PSC.**

This should include a flowchart and clear and consistent definitions across government for terms (such as proactive releases, OIA responses, and proactive release policy).

- 6. Require departments to prepare a proactive release policy and an OIA release policy and make it public on their websites at the end of each financial year.**

We suggest that departments should be required to prepare a proactive release policy and an OIA release policy and make it public on their websites at the end of each financial year. Our recommendation is that these should be contained in one policy document and updated to accord with the 29 June 2023 Circular: *CO (23) 4: Proactive Release of Cabinet Material: Updated Requirements* and any other specific guidance as appropriate. An alternative is for the PSC to determine the national policy and require departments to follow the stated decision-making process when publishing Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers. We note that the Ombudsman's *Proactive Release (2020)* states: 'Proactive release is not just publishing responses to OIA requests. However, publishing OIA responses should be part of any proactive release policy.' We agree with this approach.

- 7. Provide an annual report that contains a comprehensive and accurate set of statistics on the amount of Cabinet material prepared and the amount released, partially released or not released.**

This information should be provided by departments and in total – and should be reconciled against the proposed Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers register set out in recommendation 4. An example of what this could look like was prepared by the PSC in its report titled *Proactive release of Cabinet papers: January to June 2024*. The spreadsheet attached to the report sets out the data by department. However, it starts with the number of papers approved for proactive release, whereas we consider it should start with the total number of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers. The proposed report could be titled something like 'Six monthly report on Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers statistics', and published on the PSC website.

Recommendations to the Minister of Climate Change

- 8. Make sure the proposed Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers register (in 4 above) is searchable by 'climate policy' and type of policy (e.g. emissions reduction, adaptation).**

Given the climate emergency, Minister of Climate Change Hon Simon Watts should actively support the establishment of a transparent and searchable register of government documents that sorts papers by topics (e.g. 'climate policy'), as well as being searchable by keyword. Climate policy will continue to change, and hopefully progress. The reporting system needs to be responsive to change and be designed to build public trust in policy decisions. If implemented this recommendation would not only be useful for government departments, local councils and members of the public but should prove very useful for the Climate Change Commission. As the independent Crown agency responsible for providing evidence-based advice to guide climate change action for Aotearoa New Zealand, it is critically important that the Commission is able to access decisions made by Cabinet in a timely and effective manner.³¹

Recommendations to the Climate Change Chief Executives Board

9. **Consider how to build a climate policy framework from Cabinet material, from the top to the bottom, and across the public policy system. This could be incorporated into a regular report on New Zealand's response to the climate emergency across government.**

It could be a report tabled in the House regularly, something along the lines of an annual report on the climate emergency.

Interestingly, given the existence of the climate emergency, the actual number of papers discussing climate change is small, 142 papers on climate change over a 23-year period. In the year July 2023 to June 2024 there were 20 (see Figure A3.1: Climate-related Cabinet papers released, by calendar year [142] in Appendix 3). We have been able to obtain the actual figures for the number of minutes, but are unsure if these figures include Cabinet papers and Cabinet Committee papers; see Figure 1.³² If you assume that there are about 1500 Cabinet papers and Cabinet Committee papers (including minutes) per annum since 2001 (see Figure 2), that is a total of about 36,000 documents, of which about 439 relate to climate change (0.01%) (note: Table A2.1 contains 142 rows that include two to three papers and minutes per row). If the Institute's calculations are correct that would indicate a very poor response to climate change, given that Parliament has acknowledged a climate emergency.

Secondly, there is no real system to show when Cabinet papers and Cabinet Committee papers are superseded. There would seem to be some real value in analysing and communicating the differences between the 142 papers in the list, and ensuring that it is clear what climate policy is current and what policy has been archived. We can appreciate the challenges, but the opportunity to regularly set out the current policy, incorporating emissions reduction and adaptation policy regularly into one report and how success (or not) has resulted against key actions, would seem a useful report card on progress. A report of this kind would not only be useful to the wider public, one would imagine it would be very useful for the Climate Change Commission and local government as they navigate and identify potential improvements to climate policy going forward.

Of note: The Board is an interdepartmental executive board for climate change and has been established to provide oversight of the Government's response to climate change.³³

Next steps for the Institute

Until a register is provided, the Institute will regularly update the table on the website, rather than updating this paper in the future. We will continue to use the same method that is outlined in this paper.

Lastly, improving the system for recording Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers today is likely to help ensure that Cabinet material can be upgraded to become AI-ready (i.e. documents are designed to be used by artificial intelligence (AI) applications, and users can have confidence that the data is up-to-date, accurate, authoritative and free of data-quality issues). We need to design our systems to prevent malign actors from undermining democracy. Hence, Cabinet and Cabinet Committee papers deserve our attention and our protection.

We suggest the existing system should be redesigned and a new system could be put in place, retrospectively, from 1 July 2025. This would solve many of the problems mentioned above, reducing costs, increasing timeliness and building public trust.

Thank you for your interest.

Appendix 1: Background information on referencing Cabinet papers

To learn more about the existing process for referencing Cabinet papers, refer to Section 5: Cabinet Decision-making in the *2023 Cabinet Manual*.³⁴ Below is a broad overview.

A: Reference numbers on Cabinet material

The *2023 CabGuide* advises that the Cabinet and Cabinet Committee summary ‘tops’ (documents that summarise the key aspects of a Cabinet paper for Ministers) have a business identifier or ‘shoulder’ number in the top right corner, e.g. ‘CAB-24-SUB-0100’ or ‘APH-23-SUB-0202’. This is the reference number for Cabinet papers. The corresponding minute will have a similar business identifier, e.g. ‘CAB-24-MIN-0100’ or ‘APH-23-MIN-0202’.³⁵

B: Cabinet documents

The *New Zealand Law Style Guide* notes that the format for citing Cabinet documents is as follows:

Table A1.1: Example of how to cite Cabinet documents

Element	Document identifier	Title	Date of document	Reference number	Pinpoint citation
Example	Cabinet Office Circular	‘Conduct During Periods of Caretaker Government’	(21 April 1999)	CO 99/5	at [4]

For example, Cabinet Office Circular ‘Conduct During Periods of Caretaker Government’ (21 April 1999) CO 99/5 at [4].

The document identifier describes the document source and type.

The date is given in round brackets.

The reference number will be specific to the type of document:

- Pre-1989 Cabinet minutes have references that begin with ‘CM’;
- Cabinet minutes from 1989 to today have references that begin with ‘CAB’;
- Cabinet Office documents have references that begin with ‘CO’;
- Cabinet Strategy Committee documents have references that begin with ‘STR’; and
- Cabinet papers have references that begin with ‘CAB’.³⁶

C: Abbreviations used in Cabinet documents

The DPMC Records Administrator provided an excellent summary in response to our email, which also clarified that Tables A1.2 and Table A1.3 below were correct. In addition the Records Administrator reminded the Institute that the names of committees change frequently, and therefore an abbreviation may come to refer to a different committee. See explanation below:

Over the years different committees have been formed under different administrations. For example, ENV stood for Environment Committee during the early 1990s, while it was the Environment, Energy and Climate Committee during 2018–2023.³⁷

Table A1.2: Abbreviations used by Cabinet

Abbreviation	Meaning
CAB-Yr-MIN	Cabinet Minute of Decision
CAB-Yr-SUB	Cabinet Proposal

Table A1.3: Abbreviations used by Cabinet Committees

Abbreviation	Meaning
POL-Yr-MIN/SUB	Cabinet Policy Committee Minute of Decision/Proposal
CBC-Yr-MIN/SUB	Cabinet Business Committee Minute of Decision/Proposal
ENV-Yr-MIN/SUB	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee Minute of Decision/Proposal
DEV-Yr-MIN/SUB	Cabinet Economic Development Committee Minute of Decision/Proposal
LEG-Yr-MIN/SUB	Cabinet Legislation Committee Minute of Decision/Proposal
EGI-Yr-MIN/SUB	Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee Minute of Decision/Proposal

Appendix 2: List of Climate-related Cabinet papers dated 2001–2024

Table A2.1: Climate-related Cabinet papers dated 2001–2024

	Paper and minute reference numbers	Stage 1: Paper lodged with Cabinet Office		Stage 2: Cabinet Committee considers paper and makes decisions which are forwarded to Cabinet for confirmation			Stage 3: Cabinet confirms (or amends) the Committee's decisions		McGuinness Institute analysis				
Row	All reference numbers in the series	Date paper lodged with Cabinet Office	Title of paper and link	Date paper considered by Committee	Name of Committee	Title of Committee minute and link	Date paper considered by Cabinet	Title of Cabinet minute and link	Host government department	Date released (i.e. paper/s published on department's website and/or released via OIA)	McGuinness Institute comment	High-level topic	Refers to NDCs? (searched 'INDC'; 'NDC'; 'Nationally'; and 'Paris')
1.	POL Sub (01) 7/3 POL Min (01) 7/3 CAB Min (01) 11/5	NK	[POL Sub (01) 7/3] Climate Change: Pre-2008 Cross-sectoral and Price Measures	4 April 2001	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (01) 7/3] Climate Change: A Three Stage Process for Developing and Implementing Negotiated Greenhouse Agreements with Industry	9 April 2001	[CAB Min (01) 11/5] No link available	MFE	31 January 2001	PDF of Cabinet minute not found	Emissions	No
2.	POL (01) 227 NK CAB Min (01) 27/5A	NK	[POL (01) 227] Climate Change: Next Steps for Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol	NK	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[NK] No link available	3 September 2001	[CAB Min (01) 27/5A] Climate Change: Next Steps for Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol	MFE	3 September 2021	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	International commitments	No
3.	POL (01) 261 NK CAB Min (01) 31/12	NK	[POL (01) 261] Climate Change: Domestic Policy Options	NK	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[NK] No link available	8 October 2001	[CAB Min (01) 31/12] Climate Change: Paper 2: Domestic Policy Options	MFE	8 December 2001	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	International commitments	No
4.	POL (01) 379 POL Min (01) 32/14 CAB Min (01) 32/14	NK	[POL (01) 379] Climate Change: Institutional Arrangements for Inventory, Registry and Crown Trading Functions	28 November 2001	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (01) 32/14] Climate Change: Institutional Arrangements for Inventory, Registry and Crown Trading Functions	NK	[CAB Min (01) 32/14] No link available	MFE	3 October 2001	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	International commitments	No
5.	CAB (02) 24 CBC (02) 31 POL (02) 31 CBC Min (02) 3/1 NK CAB Min (02) 4/3	NK NK	[CBC (02) 31] No link available [POL (02) 31] Climate Change: Setting the Direction for Future Domestic Policy Options and Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol	7 February 2002 [CBC] NK [POL]	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC] Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[CBC Min (02) 3/1] No link available [NK] No link available	11 February 2002	[CAB Min (02) 4/3] Climate Change: Setting the Direction for Future Domestic Policy Options and Ratification of the Kyoto Protocol	MFE	2 January 2001	PDFs of one Cabinet paper and both Committee minutes not published by MFE This paper may have also gone to POL. An internal document notes POL Min (02) 31 as linked to this Cabinet paper	International commitments	No

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6.	POL (02) 72 NK CAB Min (02) 13/11	NK	[POL (02) 72] Climate Change III: The Role of Local Government	NK	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[NK] No link available	29 April 2002	[CAB Min (02) 13/11] Climate Change III: The Role of Local Government	MFE	1 July 2002	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
7.	POL (02) 74 POL Min (02) 9/1-6 CAB Min (02) 13/12	NK	[POL (02) 74] Climate Change IV: Adapting to Climate Change	24 April 2002	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (02) 9/1-6] No link available	29 April 2002	[CAB Min (02) 13/12] Climate Change IV: Adapting to Climate Change	MFE	29 April 2002	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No
8.	POL (02) 143 POL Min (02) 15/5 CAB Min (02) 26/16	NK	[POL (02) 143] Climate Change I: Confirmation of the Preferred Policy Package	2 October 2002	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (02) 15/5] No link available	7 October 2002	[CAB Min (02) 26/16] Climate Change I: Confirmation of Preferred Policy Package	MFE	11 February 2002	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	International commitments	No
9.	POL (02) 144 POL Min (02) 15/6 CAB Min (02) 26/17	NK	[POL (02) 144] Climate Change II: Public Awareness and Education, Business Opportunities and Local Government Partnership	2 October 2002	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (02) 15/6] No link available	7 October 2002	[CAB Min (02) 26/17] Climate Change II: Public Awareness and Education, Business Opportunities and Local Government Partnership	MFE	1 October 2002	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Education	No
10.	POL (02) 145 POL Min (02) 15/7 CAB Min (02) 26/18	NK	[POL (02) 145] Climate Change III: Work Programme, Budget and Institution for Climate Change Project	2 October 2002	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (02) 15/7] No link available	7 October 2002	[CAB Min (02) 26/18] Climate Change III: Work Programme, Budget and Institution for Climate Change Project	MFE	1 November 2002	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
11.	POL (03) 10/6 NK CAB Min (03) 16/4	NK	[POL (03) 10/6] A Proposed Mechanism to Incentivise Permanent (Non-harvest) 'Commercial' Forest Sinks	2 May 2003	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[NK] No link available	12 May 2003	[CAB Min (03) 16/4] No link available	MFE	1 October 2002	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Forestry	No

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12.	POL (03) 45 POL Min (03) 6/4 CAB Min (03) 11/3	NK	[POL (03) 45] Climate Change: The Projects Mechanism – Details and Process	26 March 2003	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (03) 6/4] Climate Change: The Projects Mechanism – Details and Process	31 March 2003	[CAB Min (03) 11/3] No link available	MFE	26 May 2003	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
13.	POL (03) 79 POL Min (03) 8/8 CAB Min (03) 13/4	NK	[POL (03) 79] Climate Change: Final Policy for Negotiated Greenhouse Agreements (NGAs)	9 April 2003	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (03) 8/8] Climate Change: Final Policy for Negotiated Greenhouse Agreements (NGAs)	14 April 2003	[CAB Min (03) 13/4] No link available	MFE	9 April 2003	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
14.	CBC (05) 394 CBC Min (05) 20/10 CAB Min (05) 42/17	NK	[CBC (05) 394] Climate Change – Review of Policy and Next Steps	19 December 2005	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC Min (05) 20/10] Climate Change: Review of Policy and Next Steps	19 December 2005	[CAB Min (05) 42/17] No link available	MFE	1 December 2005	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
15.	POL (06) 269 POL Min (06) 20/12 CAB Min (06) 35/3	NK	[POL (06) 269] Helping New Zealand Prepare for and Adapt to Climate Change	13 September 2006	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (06) 20/12] Helping New Zealand Prepare for and Adapt to Climate Change	25 September 2006	[CAB Min (06) 35/3] No link available	MFE	15 September 2006	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No
16.	NK POL Min (06) 19/8 CAB Min (06) 18/8	19 May 2006	[NK] Climate Change Policy: The Way Ahead	NK	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (06) 19/8] No link available	23 May 2006	[CAB Min (06) 18/8] No link available	MFE	5 December 2005	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE The reference code for this paper could not be found by MFE, but an MFE internal reference code was provided: 06-C-0012	Economy	No

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17.	NK POL Min (06) 20/13 CAB Min (06) 35/3	NK	[NK] Government leadership in energy efficiency and climate change through the Govt3 programme	NK	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (06) 20/13] No link available	25 September 2006	[CAB Min (06) 35/3] No link available	MFE	3 November 2000	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No		
18.	NK CBC Min (06) 17/19 CAB Min (06) 37/1	NK	[NK] Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate	2 October 2006	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC Min (06) 17/19] Asia Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate	9 October 2006	[CAB Min (06) 37/1] No link available	MFE	11 September 2006	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No		
19.	POL (07) 386 POL Min (07) 24/18 CAB Min (07) 40/1	NK	[POL (07) 386] Environment New Zealand 2007: National-level state of the environment report	NK	Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[POL Min (07) 24/18] No link available	5 November 2007	[CAB Min (07) 40/1] No link available	MFE	19 October 2007	PDF of Cabinet paper, Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Reporting	No		
20.	CAB (07) 402 CAB Min (07) 30/9 CAB Min (07) 31/4A CBC Min (07) 17/6 POL Min (07) 19/11 POL (07) 302	17 August 2007	[CAB (07) 402] A New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Key Messages and Strategic Issues [POL (07) 302] A New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Key Messages and Strategic Issues	20 August 2007 [CBC] 22 August 2007 [POL]	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC] Cabinet Policy Committee [POL]	[CBC Min (07) 17/6] Additional item: A New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Key Messages and Strategic Issues [POL Min (07) 19/11] No link available	20 October 2007	[CAB Min (07) 30/9] A New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Key Messages and Strategic Issues [CAB Min (07) 31/4A] No link available	MFE	20 August 2007	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not found This paper went to Cabinet first ([CAB (07) 402 and [CAB Min (07) 30/9]), then to CBC on the same day ([CBC Min (07) 17/6]), then it was revised and referred to POL ([POL (07) 302] and [POL Min (07) 19/11])	Emissions	No		

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21.	NK EGI Min (09) 16/6 CAB Min (09) 28/9	NK	[NK] Climate Change: New Zealand's 2020 Emissions Reduction Target	5 August 2009	Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee [EGI]	[EGI Min (09) 16/6] No link available	10 August 2009	[CAB Min (09) 28/9] Climate Change: New Zealand's 2020 Emissions Reduction Target	MFE	20 August 2009	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
22.	NK CAB Min (13) 27/9	7 August 2013	[NK] International Climate Change: New Zealand Unconditional 2020 Target	-	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	-	12 August 2013	[CAB Min (13) 27/9] No link available	MFE	8 October 2013	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE This paper appears to have been prepared for the Cabinet Business Committee, but MFE does not hold a record of a Committee minute reference. It is possible that it went straight to Cabinet, as a public announcement on the decision was made on 16 August 2013	Emissions	No
23.	EGI (13) 212 EGI Min (13) 25/10 CAB Min (13) 37/6	NK	[EGI (13) 212] Environmental Reporting Framework	NK	Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee [EGI]	[EGI Min (13) 25/10] No link available	29 October 2013	[CAB Min (13) 37/6] No link available	MFE	1 October 2013	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Reporting	No

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24.	EGI (15) 135 EGI Min (15) 14/6 CAB Min (15) 22/5 CAB Min (15) 22/5A CAB Min (15) 23/10	NK	[EGI (15) 135] New Zealand's intended contribution to the new global climate change agreement	NK	Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee [EGI]	[EGI Min (15) 14/6] No link available	6 July 2015	[CAB Min (15) 22/5] No link available [CAB Min (15) 22/5A] No link available [CAB Min (15) 23/10] No link available	MFE	1 June 2015	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minutes not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
25.	EGI-16-SUB-0053 EGI-16-MIN-0053	31 March 2016	[EGI-16-SUB-0053] Paris Climate Change Agreement: Report on Outcome of Negotiations and Approval for Signature	6 April 2016	Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee [EGI]	[EGI-16-MIN-0053] Paris Climate Change Agreement: Report on Outcome of Negotiations and Approval for Signature	-	-	MFE	1 April 2016	This paper was approved by the Committee and did not go to Cabinet afterwards	International commitments	Yes
26.	CBC-16-SUB-0004 CBC-16-MIN-0004 CAB-16-MIN-0355	3 June 2016	[CBC-16-SUB-0004] Paris Agreement on climate change – ratification and domestic action	11 July 2016	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-16-MIN-0004] Paris Agreement on Climate Change: Ratification and Domestic action	25 July 2016	[CAB-16-MIN-0355] Report of the Cabinet Business Committee: Period Ended 22 July 2016	MFE	1 July 2016	-	International commitments	Yes
27.	EGI-16-SUB-0182 EGI-16-MIN-0182 CAB-16-MIN-0395	4 August 2016	[EGI-16-SUB-0182] Paris Agreement on Climate Change: Approval to Begin the Parliamentary Treaty Examination Process	10 August 2016	Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee [EGI]	[EGI-16-MIN-0182] Paris Agreement on Climate Change – Approval to Begin the Parliamentary Treaty Examination Process	15 August 2016	[CAB-16-MIN-0395] Paris Agreement on Climate Change: Approval to Begin the Parliamentary Treaty Examination Process	MFE	1 October 2016	-	International commitments	Yes
28.	CBC-17-SUB-0056 CBC-17-MIN-0056 CAB-17-MIN-0547 CAB-17-MIN-0547.01	7 December 2017	[CBC-17-SUB-0056] The 100 Day Plan for Climate Change	13 December 2017	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-17-MIN-0056] No link available	18 December 2017	[CAB-17-MIN-0547] No link available [CAB-17-MIN-0547.01] The 100 Day Plan for Climate Change	MFE	1 December 2017	PDF of Committee minute and initial Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes

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29.	EGI-17-SUB-0168 EGI-17-MIN-0168 CAB-17-MIN-0369	26 June 2017	[EGI-17-SUB-0168] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Review: Improving the ETS framework	5 July 2017	Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee [EGI]	[EGI-17-MIN-0168] No link available	10 July 2017	[CAB-17-MIN-0369] No link available	MFE	20 December 2022	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
30.	ENV-18-SUB-0011 ENV-18-MIN-0011 CAB-18-MIN-0218	3 May 2018	[ENV-18-SUB-0011] Framework for Climate Change Policy and Key Upcoming Decisions	8 May 2018	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-18-MIN-0011] Framework for Climate Change Policy and Key Upcoming Decisions	14 May 2018	[CAB-18-MIN-0218] Report of the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee: Period Ended 11 May 2018	MFE	1 July 2018	-	Economy	Yes
31.	DEV-18-SUB-0379 DEV-18-MIN-0379 CAB-18-MIN-0379.01	NK	[DEV-18-SUB-0379] The One Billion Trees Programme - actions and decisions for implementation	8 August 2018	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-18-MIN-0379] No link available	13 August 2018	[CAB-18-MIN-0379.01] The One Billion Trees Programme: Actions and Decisions for Implementation	MPI	1 October 2018	PDF of Committee minute not found; Committee minute not published by MPI (28/04/2025) MPI Q1: Is there another Cabinet minute included in this series (i.e. CAB-18-MIN-0379)? No direct response from MPI to this question (28/04/2025)	Emissions	No
32.	CAB-19-SUB-0208 CAB-19-MIN-0208	3 May 2019	[CAB-19-SUB-0208] Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	-	-	-	6 May 2019	[CAB-19-MIN-0208] Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	MFE	1 May 2019	This paper appears to have not gone to a Cabinet committee before Cabinet	Emissions	Yes

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33.	ENV-19-SUB-0015 ENV-19-MIN-0015 CAB-19-MIN-0209	24 April 2019	[ENV-19-SUB-0015] Biogenic methane reductions required under the climate change Bill	2 May 2019	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-19-MIN-0015] Biogenic Methane Reductions Required Under the Climate Change Bill	15 December 2021	[CAB-19-MIN-0209] No link available	MFE	1 May 2019	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
34.	ENV-19-SUB-0027 ENV-19-MIN-0027 CAB-19-MIN-0334	NK	[ENV-19-SUB-0027] Proposed Response to Interim Climate Change Committee's Recommendations on Accelerated Electrification	27 June 2019	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-19-MIN-0027] No link available	1 July 2019	[CAB-19-MIN-0334] Proposed Response to Interim Climate Change Committee's Recommendations on Accelerated Electrification	MBIE	16 July 2019	PDF of Committee minute not published by MBIE	Energy	Yes
35.	DEV-19-SUB-0239 DEV-19-MIN-0239 CAB-19-MIN-0470	NK	[DEV-19-SUB-0239] Approval of a Government Strategy for Aquaculture	11 September 2019	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-19-MIN-0239] Government Strategy for Aquaculture	16 September 2019	[CAB-19-MIN-0470] No link available	MPI	29 October 2019	PDF of Cabinet minute not found: MPI stated they do not publish the Cabinet minute unless it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision (28/04/2025)	Aquaculture	No
36.	ENV-19-SUB-0047 ENV-19-MIN-0047 CAB-19-MIN-0480	6 September 2019	[ENV-19-SUB-0047] Action on Agricultural Emissions: Final Policy Proposals	12 September 2019	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-19-MIN-0047] Action on Agricultural Emissions: Final Policy Proposals	16 September 2019	[CAB-19-MIN-0480] Action on Agricultural Emissions: Final Policy Proposals	MFE	1 November 2019	-	Emissions	Yes

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37.	ENV-19-SUB-0052 ENV-19-MIN-0052 CAB-19-MIN-0502	NK	[ENV-19-SUB-0052] Preparing the forest system for the future	25 September 2019	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-19-SUB-0052] No link available *	30 September 2019	[CAB-19-MIN-0502] No link available	MPI	22 November 2019	The Institute has been advised by MPI that they are preparing the Cabinet Committee Minute for proactive release. MPI has advised that they do not publish the Cabinet minute unless it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision (28/04/2025)	Forestry	No
38.	DEV-19-SUB-0305 DEV-19-MIN-0305 CAB-19-MIN-0593	7 November 2019	[DEV-19-SUB-0305] Landfills vulnerable to the effects of climate change	13 November 2019	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-19-MIN-0305] Landfills Vulnerable to the Effects of Climate Change	18 November 2019	[CAB-19-MIN-0593] No link available	MFE	1 November 2019	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Waste	No
39.	ENV-20-SUB-0010 ENV-20-MIN-0010 CAB-20-MIN-0102	4 March 2020	[ENV-20-SUB-0010] Updating New Zealand's Nationally Determined Contribution Under the Paris Agreement	12 March 2020	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-20-MIN-0010] No link available	16 March 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0102] No link available	MFE	NK	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minutes not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
40.	ENV-20-SUB-0016 ENV-20-MIN-0016 CAB-20-MIN-0233	7 May 2020	[ENV-20-SUB-0016] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme settings regulations	14 May 2020	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-20-MIN-0016] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Settings Regulations	18 May 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0233] No link available	MFE	1 June 2020	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes

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41.	ENV-20-SUB-0022 ENV-20-MIN-0022 CAB-20-MIN-0312	18 June 2020	[ENV-20-SUB-0022] Climate. Implications of Policy Assessment Framework: Report Back	25 June 2020	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-20-MIN-0022] Climate. Implications of Policy Assessment Framework: Report Back	29 June 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0312] No link available	MFE	29 September 2020	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
42.	CBC-20-SUB-0078 CBC-20-MIN-0078 CAB-20-MIN-0491	NK	[CBC-20-SUB-0078] Leading the Way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme	25 November 2020	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-20-MIN-0078] No link available	30 November 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0491] Leading the Way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme	MBIE	5 March 2021	PDF of Committee minute not published by MBIE	Emissions	Yes
43.	DEV-20-SUB-0084 DEV-20-MIN-0084 CAB-20-MIN-0246	21 May 2020	[DEV-20-SUB-0084] Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability: Initial negotiating mandate	27 May 2020	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-20-MIN-0084] Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability: Initial Negotiating Mandate	2 June 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0246] Agreement on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainability: Initial Negotiating Mandate	MFAT	4 February 2022	-	Economy	Yes
44.	DEV-20-SUB-0096 DEV-20-MIN-0096 CAB-20-MIN-0265	29 May 2020	[DEV-20-SUB-0096] National Policy Statement on Urban Development	3 June 2020	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-20-MIN-0096] National Policy Statement on Urban Development	8 June 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0265] No link available	MFE	1 July 2020	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Infrastructure	No
45.	DEV-20-SUB-0121 DEV-20-MIN-0121 CAB-20-MIN-0329	25 June 2020	[DEV-20-SUB-0121] National Climate Change Risk Assessment – public release and initial government response	1 July 2020	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-20-MIN-0121] No link available	6 July 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0329] No link available	MFE	1 August 2020	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No

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46.	DEV-20-SUB-0151 DEV-20-MIN-0151 CAB-20-MIN-0375	23 July 2020	[DEV-20-SUB-0151] Climate-related financial disclosures	5 August 2020	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-20-MIN-0151] Climate-Related Financial Disclosures	10 August 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0375] No link available	MFE	5 September 2020	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Reporting	Yes
47.	CBC-20-SUB-0097 CBC-20-MIN-0097 CAB-20-MIN-0503	30 November 2020	[CBC-20-SUB-0097] Climate change, emergency and a whole-of-government response	2 December 2020	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-20-MIN-0097] Climate Change, Emergency and a Whole-of-government Response	7 December 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0503] No link available	MFE	1 February 2021	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Economy	Yes
48.	CBC-20-SUB-0121 CBC-20-MIN-0121 CAB-20-MIN-0521	7 December 2020	[CBC-20-SUB-0121] Adaptation — legislation — proposed timelines and process	9 December 2020	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-20-MIN-0121] Adaptation Legislation: Proposed Timelines and Process	14 December 2020	[CAB-20-MIN-0521] No link available	MFE	1 February 2021	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No
49.	DEV-21-SUB-0023 DEV-21-MIN-0023 CAB-21-MIN-0068	4 March 2021	[DEV-21-SUB-0023] Adaptation Legislation: Proposed Scope, Objectives and Process	10 March 2021	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-21-MIN-0023] No link available	15 March 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0068] Adaptation Legislation: Proposed Scope, Objectives and Process	MFE	4 October 2023	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No

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50.	DEV-21-SUB-0041 DEV-21-MIN-0041 CAB-21-MIN-0084	[DEV-21-SUB-0041] Proposals to strengthen regulatory oversight of inhibitors used in agriculture	24 March 2021	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-21-MIN-0041] No link available*	29 March 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0084] No link available	MPI	24 March 2021	The Institute has been advised by MPI that they are preparing the Cabinet Committee Minute for proactive release. MPI has advised that they do not publish the Cabinet minute unless it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision (28/04/2025)	Emissions	No
51.	DEV-21-SUB-0053 DEV-21-MIN-0053 CAB-21-MIN-0084.01	[DEV-21-SUB-0053] Reprioritisation of remaining 1 Billion Trees Fund	24 March 2021	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-21-MIN-0053] No link available	29 March 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0084.01] Reprioritisation of Remaining 1 Billion Trees Funding	MPI	29 July 2021	PDF of Committee minute not found: MPI advised the Committee minute has not been published by them (28/20/2025) MPI Q2: Is there another Cabinet minute included in this series (i.e. CAB-21-MIN-0084)? No direct response from MPI to this question (28/04/2025)	Forestry	Yes

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52.	CBC-21-SUB-0030 CBC-21-MIN-0030 CAB-21-MIN-0095	18 March 2021	[CBC-21-SUB-0030] Carbon Neutral Government Programme: Report back and further implementation decisions	29 March 2021	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-21-MIN-0030] Carbon Neutral Government Programme: Report on Implementation and Further Decisions	6 April 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0095] No link available	MFE	18 June 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
53.	CBC-21-SUB-0039 CBC-21-MIN-0039 CAB-21-MIN-0095 CAB-21-MIN-0099	26 March 2021	[CBC-21-SUB-0039] National Direction on Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Approval to Consult	29 March 2021	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-21-MIN-0039] No link available	6 April 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0095] No link available [CAB-21-MIN-0099] National Direction on Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Approval to Consult	MFE	15 April 2021	PDF of Committee minute and initial Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
54.	LEG-21-SUB-0035 LEG-21-MIN-0035 CAB-21-MIN-0112	NK	[LEG-21-SUB-0035] Financial Sector (Climate-related Disclosures and Other Matters) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	8 April 2021	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-21-MIN-0035] Financial Sector (Climate-related Disclosures and Other Matters) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	12 April 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0112] No link available	MBIE	25 May 2021	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE	Reporting	No
55.	ENV-21-SUB-0018 ENV-21-MIN-0018 CAB-21-MIN-0181	13 May 2021	[ENV-21-SUB-0018] Additional proposals to improve the availability of waste data	20 May 2021	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-21-MIN-0018] Improving the Availability of Waste Data: Additional Proposals	24 May 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0181] No link available	MFE	23 September 2021	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Waste	No
56.	ENV-21-SUB-0019 ENV-21-MIN-0019 CAB-21-MIN-0181	13 May 2021	[ENV-21-SUB-0019] Programme of action for reducing waste in Aotearoa New Zealand 2021-2023	20 May 2021	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-21-MIN-0019] Programme of Action for Reducing Waste in Aotearoa New Zealand 2021-23	24 May 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0181] No link available	MFE	23 September 2021	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Waste	No

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57.	ENV-21-SUB-0020 ENV-21-MIN-0020 CAB-21-MIN-0181	13 May 2021	[ENV-21-SUB-0020] Establishment of a Plastics Innovation Fund	20 May 2021	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-21-MIN-0020] Establishment of a Plastics Innovation Fund	24 May 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0181] No link available	MFE	23 September 2021	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Waste	No
58.	ENV-21-SUB-0026 ENV-21-MIN-0026 CAB-21-MIN-0225 CAB-21-MIN-0225.01	3 June 2021	[ENV-21-SUB-0026] Reprioritisation of the climate change work programme	10 June 2021	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-21-MIN-0026] No link available	14 June 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0225] No link available [CAB-21-MIN-0225.01] Reprioritisation of the Climate Change Work Programme	MFE	19 June 2021	PDF of Committee minute and initial Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Economy	No
59.	ENV-21-SUB-0031 ENV-21-MIN-0031 CAB-21-MIN-0225	NK	[ENV-21-SUB-0031] Oceans and Fisheries portfolio – ensuring healthy ocean ecosystems (Paper 1 of 7)	10 June 2021	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-21-MIN-0031] No link available*	14 June 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0225] No link available	MPI	2 July 2021	The Institute has been advised by MPI that they are preparing the Cabinet Committee Minute for proactive release. MPI has advised that they do not publish the Cabinet minute unless it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision (28/04/2025)	Marine	No
60.	DEV-21-SUB-0049 DEV-21-MIN-0049 CAB-21-MIN-0084	18 March 2021	[DEV-21-SUB-0049] National Adaptation Plan: Scope and Approach	24 March 2021	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-21-MIN-0049] National Adaptation Plan: Scope and Approach	29 March 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0084] No link available	MFE	18 October 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	Yes

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61.	CBC-21-SUB-0057 CBC-21-MIN-0057 CAB-21-MIN-0187	13 May 2021	[CBC-21-SUB-0057] Proposals for phase-outs of certain hard-to-recycle plastics and single-use items	14 June 2021	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-21-MIN-0057] Proposals for Phase-outs of Certain Hard-to-recycle Plastics and Single-use Items	21 June 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0187] No link available	MFE	23 September 2021	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Waste	No
62.	CBC-21-SUB-0084 CBC-21-MIN-0084 CAB-21-MIN-0356	26 August 2021	[CBC-21-SUB-0084] National Direction on Industrial Greenhouse Gas Emissions: approval to develop a National Policy Statement and National Environment Standard	1 September 2021	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-21-MIN-0084] No link available	6 September 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0356] No link available	MFE	20 December 2022	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
63.	CBC-21-SUB-0094 CBC-21-MIN-0094 CAB-21-MIN-0366	NK	[CBC-21-SUB-0094] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS): Final policy decisions on regulations for forestry	8 August 2021	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-21-MIN-0094] No link available*	13 September 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0366] No link available	MPI	1 November 2021	The Institute has been advised by MPI that they are preparing the Cabinet Committee Minute for proactive release. MPI has advised that they do not publish the Cabinet minute unless it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision (28/04/2025)	Forestry	Yes
64.	DEV-21-SUB-0133 DEV-21-MIN-0133 CAB-21-MIN-0237	NK	[DEV-21-SUB-0133] Funding the Building for Climate Change Programme	23 June 2021	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-21-MIN-0133] Building for Climate Change Programme: Funding	28 June 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0237] No link available	MBIE	9 August 2021	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE	Infrastructure	No

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65.	CBC-21-SUB-0112 CBC-21-MIN-0112 CAB-21-MIN-0410	30 September 2021	[CBC-21-SUB-0112] Aotearoa New Zealand's International Climate Finance Commitment 2022-2025	6 October 2021	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-21-MIN-0112] Aotearoa New Zealand's International Climate Finance Commitment 2022-2025	11 October 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0410] Aotearoa New Zealand's International Climate Finance Commitment 2022-2025	MFAT	11 March 2022	-	Economy	Yes
66.	DEV-21-SUB-0277 DEV-21-MIN-0277 CAB-21-MIN-0547.02	10 December 2021	[DEV-21-SUB-0277] Emissions reduction plan: meeting New Zealand's emissions budgets	15 December 2021	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-21-MIN-0277] No link available	20 December 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0547.02] Emissions Reduction Plan: Meeting New Zealand's Emissions Budgets	MFE	23 August 2022	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
67.	NK ENV-21-MIN-0026 CAB-21-MIN-0225 CAB-21-MIN-0225.01	NK	[NK] Reprioritisation of the Climate Change Work Programme	10 June 2021	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-21-MIN-0026] No link available	14 June 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0225] No link available [CAB-21-MIN-0225.01] Reprioritisation of the Climate Change Work Programme	MFE	20241102	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
68.	DEV-21-SUB-0208 DEV-21-MIN-0208 CAB-21-MIN-0434	15 October 2021	[DEV-21-SUB-0208] Agreement to update New Zealand's First Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1) under the Paris Agreement	20 October 2021	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-21-MIN-0208] No link available	26 October 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0434] Agreement to Update New Zealand's First Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC1) under the Paris Agreement	MFE	24 December 2021	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
69.	ENV-21-SUB-0071 ENV-21-MIN-0071 CAB-21-MIN-0530	2 December 2021	[ENV-21-SUB-0071] Aotearoa New Zealand Antarctic and Southern Ocean Research Directions and Priorities 2021-2030	9 December 2021	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-21-MIN-0071] Aotearoa New Zealand Antarctic and Southern Ocean Research Directions and Priorities 2021-2030	13 December 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0530] Report of the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee: Period Ended 10 December 2021	MFAT	15 February 2022	-	Marine	No

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70.	DEV-21-SUB-0256 DEV-21-MIN-0256 CAB-21-MIN-0547.03	NK	[DEV-21-SUB-0256] Managing the phase out of fossil gas and opportunities to repurpose infrastructure for renewable gases: report back and proposed next steps	15 December 2021	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-21-MIN-0256] No link available	20 December 2021	[CAB-21-MIN-0547.03] Phasing Out Fossil Gas and Repurposing Infrastructure for Renewable Gases: Report Back and Next Steps	MBIE	9 June 2022	PDF of Committee minute not published by MBIE	Infrastructure	No
71.	DEV-22-SUB-0044 DEV-22-MIN-0044 CAB-22-MIN-0080	NK	[DEV-22-SUB-0044] Energy and Industry Content for the Emissions Reduction Plan	16 March 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0044] Emissions Reduction Plan: Energy and Industry Content	21 March 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0080] No link available [CAB-22-MIN-0080.01] Emissions Reduction Plan: Building and Construction Sector Initiatives	MBIE	24 August 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE Note: [CAB-22-MIN-0080] is a Cabinet Committee report to Cabinet of items considered by the Committee. [CAB-22-MIN-0080.01] is the Cabinet Committee minute attached to the rep	Emissions	Yes
72.	SWC-22-SUB-0028 SWC-22-MIN-0028 CAB-22-MIN-0070	NK	[SWC-22-SUB-0028] Emissions Reduction Plan: Equitable Transition	9 March 2022	Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee [SWC]	[SWC-22-MIN-0028] Emissions Reduction Plan: Equitable Transition	14 March 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0070] No link available	MBIE	24 August 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE	Emissions	No
73.	CBC-22-SUB-0018 CBC-22-MIN-0018 CAB-22-MIN-0091	NK	[CBC-22-SUB-0018] Emissions Reduction Plan: Circular Economy and Bioeconomy	21 March 2022	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-22-MIN-0018] Emissions Reduction Plan: Circular Economy and Bioeconomy	28 March 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0091] No link available	MBIE	7 September 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE	Emissions	No

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74.	DEV-22-SUB-0046 DEV-22-MIN-0046 CAB-22-MIN-0080.01	NK	[DEV-22-SUB-0046] Emissions Reduction Plan: Building and Construction Sector Initiatives	16 March 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0046] No link available	21 March 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0080] No link available [CAB-22-MIN-0080.01] Emissions Reduction Plan: Building and Construction Sector Initiatives	MBIE	26 August 2022	PDF of Committee minute not published by MBIE Note: [CAB-22-MIN-0080] is a Cabinet Committee report to Cabinet of items considered by the Committee. [CAB-22-MIN-0080.01] is the Cabinet Committee minute attached to the report	Emissions	No
75.	CAB-136 ENV-22-MIN-0019 CAB-22-MIN-0246	NK	[CAB-136] Consultation report back on NZ ETS regulatory changes 2022	23 June 2022	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-22-MIN-0019] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Proposed Regulatory Changes	27 June 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0246] No link available	MFE	2 November 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
76.	DEV-22-SUB-0059 DEV-22-MIN-0059 CAB-22-MIN-0105	NK	[DEV-22-SUB-0059] Agriculture Initiatives for inclusion in the final Emissions Reduction Plan	30 March 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0059] Emissions Reduction Plan: Agriculture Initiatives	4 April 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0105] No link available	MPI	23 August 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not found: The Institute has been advised by MPI that they do not publish the Cabinet minute unless it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision (28/04/2025)	Emissions	No

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77.	DEV-22-SUB-0074 DEV-22-MIN-0074 CAB-22-MIN-0119	1 April 2022	[DEV-22-SUB-0074] Managed retreat: approval to consult on options	6 April 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0074] No link available	11 April 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0119] Managed Retreat: Approval to Consult on Options	MFE	18 October 2022	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No
78.	ENV-22-SUB-0015 ENV-22-MIN-0015 CAB-22-MIN-0148	7 April 2022	[ENV-22-SUB-0015] Setting emissions budgets for 2022-2025, 2026-2030 and 2031-2035	14 April 2022	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-22-MIN-0015] No link available	19 April 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0148] Setting emissions budgets for 2022-2025, 2026-2030 and 2031-2035	MFE	23 August 2022	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
79.	CBC-22-SUB-0028 CBC-22-MIN-0028 CAB-22-MIN-0152	14 April 2022	[CBC-22-SUB-0028] Emissions Reduction Plan: Completion and Launch of the First Plan	19 April 2022	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-22-MIN-0028] No link available	2 May 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0152] Emissions Reduction Plan: Completion and Launch of the First Plan	MFE	23 August 2022	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
80.	CAB-22-SUB-0215 CAB-22-MIN-0215	NK	[CAB-22-SUB-0215] Release of He Waka Eke Noa – Primary Sector Climate Partnership Final Recommendation Report	-	-	-	7 June 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0215] Release of He Waka Eke Noa – Primary Sector Climate Partnership Final Recommendation Report	MPI	11 January 2023	Paper was only heard by Cabinet	Emissions	No
81.	DEV-22-SUB-0166 DEV-22-MIN-0166 CAB-22-MIN-0287	21 July 2022	[DEV-22-SUB-0166] Publication of the National Adaptation Plan	22 July 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0166] No link available	1 August 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0287] Publication of the National Adaptation Plan	MFE	18 October 2022	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	Yes

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82.	ENV-22-SUB-0034 ENV-22-MIN-0034 CAB-22-MIN-0327 CAB-22-MIN-0327.01	4 August 2022	[ENV-22-SUB-0034] Aotearoa New Zealand International Climate Finance Strategy	11 August 2022	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-22-MIN-0034] Aotearoa New Zealand International Climate Finance Strategy	15 August 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0327] Report of the Cabinet Environment Energy and Climate Committee: Period Ended 12 August 2022	MFAT	23 September 2022	-	Economy	Yes
83.	DEV-22-SUB-0189 DEV-22-MIN-0189 CAB-22-MIN-0343	17 August 2022	[DEV-22-SUB-0189] Annual Update to New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Limit and Price Control Settings for Units: Release of Consultation Document	21 August 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0189] No link available	29 August 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0343] Annual Update to New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Limit and Price Control Settings for Units: Release of Consultation Document	MFE	31 August 2023	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
84.	DEV-22-SUB-0190 DEV-22-MIN-0190 CAB-22-MIN-0344	18 August 2022	[DEV-22-SUB-0190] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Non-legislative Tools for Market Governance Framework	24 August 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0190] No link available	29 August 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0344] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Non-Legislative Tools for Market Governance Framework	MFE	6 April 2023	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes

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85.	DEV-22-SUB-0211 DEV-22-MIN-0211 CAB-22-MIN-0390.01	NK	[DEV-22-SUB-0211] Next steps on the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme's permanent forest category	14 September 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0211] No link available	19 September 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0390.01] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Next Steps on the Permanent Forest Category	MPI	1 November 2022	PDF of Committee minute not found: The Institute has been advised by MPI that the Committee minute has not been published by them (28/04/2025) MPI Q3: Is there another Cabinet minute included in this series (i.e. CAB-22-MIN-0390)? No direct response from MPI to this question (28/04/2025)	Forestry	Yes

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86.	DEV-22-SUB-0216 DEV-22-MIN-0216 CAB-23-MIN-0168 CAB-23-MIN-0168.01	NK	[DEV-22-SUB-0216] Proposed Building for Climate Change Amendments to the Building Act 2004	14 September 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0216] Building for Climate Change – Proposed Amendments to the Building Act 2004	15 May 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0168] No link available [CAB-23-MIN-0168.01] No link available	MBIE	5 December 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE Decisions were updated through DEV-23-MIN-0072 which was later agreed to by Cabinet; see CAB-23-MIN-0168.01 Note: [CAB-23-MIN-0168] is a Cabinet Committee report to Cabinet of items considered by the Committee. [CAB-23-MIN-0168.01] is the Cabinet Committee minute attached to the report	Infrastructure	No
87.	DEV-22-SUB-0224 DEV-22-MIN-0224 CAB-22-MIN-0412	15 September 2022	[DEV-22-SUB-0224] Review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	21 September 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0224] No link available	27 September 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0412] Review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	MFE	22 March 2023	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes

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88.	ENV-22-SUB-0040 ENV-22-MIN-0040 CAB-22-MIN-0413	15 September 2022	[ENV-22-SUB-0040] Emissions Reduction Plan: Resource Management Proposals to Manage Exotic Afforestation: Release of Discussion Document	22 September 2022	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-22-MIN-0040] Emissions Reduction Plan: Resource Management Proposals to Manage Exotic Afforestation: Release of Discussion Document	27 September 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0413] No link available	MFE	11 July 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Forestry	No
89.	DEV-22-SUB-0019 DEV-22-MIN-0019 CAB-22-MIN-0055 CAB-22-MIN-0055-01	23 February 2022	[DEV-22-SUB-0019] Emissions Reduction Plan: Government Accountability and Coordination	2 March 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0019] No link available	7 March 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0055] No link available [CAB-22-MIN-0055-01] Emissions Reduction Plan: Government Accountability and Coordination	MFE	23 August 2022	PDF of Committee minute and initial Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
90.	NK DEV-22-MIN-0144 CAB-22-MIN-0242	NK	[NK] Environment and Climate Research Strategy report back	22 June 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0144] No link available	27 June 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0242] No link available	MFE	2 November 2024	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Reporting	No
91.	LEG-22-SUB-0156 LEG-22-MIN-0156 CAB-22-MIN-0414	15 September 2022	[LEG-22-SUB-0156] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Amendment Regulations 2022	22 September 2022	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-22-MIN-0156] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levy Amendment Regulations 2022	27 September 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0414] No link available	MFE	16 March 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
92.	NK DEV-22-MIN-0233 CAB-22-MIN-0422	NK	[NK] Consultation on the Government's Proposed Pricing System for Agricultural Emissions	28 September 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0233] No link available	3 October 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0422] No link available	MFE	2 November 2024	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes

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93.	NK DEV-22-MIN-0285 CAB-22-MIN-0533	NK	[NK] 2022 update to New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme limits and price control settings for units	23 November 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0285] No link available	28 November 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0533] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: 2022 Update to Limits and Price Control Settings for Units	MFE	2 November 2024	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes	
94.	DEV-22-SUB-0233 DEV-22-MIN-0233 CAB-22-MIN-0422	23 September 2022	[DEV-22-SUB-0233] Consultation on Government's proposed pricing system for agricultural emissions	29 September 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0233] No link available	3 October 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0422] Consultation on the Government's Proposed Pricing Scheme for Agricultural Emissions	MFE	11 October 2022	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes	
95.	DEV-22-SUB-0241 DEV-22-MIN-0241 CAB-22-MIN-0448	NK	[DEV-22-SUB-0241] Sustainable Biofuels Obligation: Final Policy for Regulations	19 October 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0241] Sustainable Biofuels Obligation: Final Policy for Regulations	25 October 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0448] No link available	MBIE	9 November 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE	Energy	No	
96.	DEV-22-SUB-0242 DEV-22-MIN-0242 CAB-22-MIN-0448	NK	[DEV-22-SUB-0242] Sustainable Biofuels Obligation Bill: Approval for Introduction	19 October 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0242] Sustainable Biofuels Obligation Bill: Approval for Introduction	25 October 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0448] No link available	MBIE	9 November 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE	Energy	No	
97.	DEV-22-SUB-0261 DEV-22-MIN-0261 CAB-22-MIN-0497	3 November 2022	[DEV-22-SUB-0261] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Market Governance: Release of Discussion Document for Targeted Engagement	9 November 2022	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-22-MIN-0261] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Market Governance: Release of Discussion Document for Targeted Engagement	14 November 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0497] No link available	MFE	6 April 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No	

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98.	ENV-22-SUB-0048 ENV-22-MIN-0048 CAB-22-MIN-0508	NK	[ENV-22-SUB-0048] Implementing the Financial Sector (Climate-related Disclosures and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021	10 November 2022	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-22-MIN-0048] Implementing the Financial Sector (Climate-related Disclosures and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021	14 November 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0508] No link available	MBIE	27 February 2022	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE	Reporting	No
99.	ENV-22-SUB-0054 ENV-22-MIN-0054 CAB-22-MIN-0539	NK	[ENV-22-SUB-0054] Report back on the Centre for Climate Action on Agricultural Emissions. Investigation into an Early Adopters Fund and investigation to reduce emissions on Pāmu farms	23 November 2022	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-22-MIN-0054] Emissions Reduction Plan: Agriculture Chapter: Progress update	28 November 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0539] No link available	MPI	24 February 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not found: The Institute has been advised by MPI that they do not publish the Cabinet minute unless it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision (28/04/2025)	Emissions	Yes
100.	LEG-22-SUB-0215 LEG-22-MIN-0215 CAB-22-MIN-0536	17 November 2022	[LEG-22-SUB-0215] Climate Change Response (Late Payment Penalties and Industrial Allocation) Amendment Bill - Approval for Introduction	24 November 2022	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-22-MIN-0215] Climate Change Response (Late Payment Penalties and Industrial Allocation) Amendment Bill - Approval for Introduction	28 November 2022	[CAB-22-MIN-0536] No link available	MFE & MPI	16 March 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
101.	DEV-23-SUB-0016 DEV-23-MIN-0016 CAB-23-MIN-0067	NK	[DEV-23-SUB-0016] Engagement with very large emitters: investment package for significant decarbonisation proposal	8 March 2023	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-23-MIN-0016] Engagement with Very Large Emitters: Investment Package for Significant Decarbonisation Proposal	13 March 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0067] No link available	MBIE	15 June 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE	Emissions	Yes

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102.	CAB-208 ENV-23 MIN-0016 CAB-23- MIN-0217	24 May 2023	[CAB-208] New Zealand's implementation of new obligations under the Rotterdam Convention following the 2022 COP	1 June 2023	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-23-MIN-0016] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Market Governance	6 June 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0217] Report of the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee: Period Ended 2 June 2023	MFE	2 November 2024	-	International commitments	No
103.	LEG-23-SUB-0018 LEG-23-MIN-0018 CAB-23-MIN-0091	7 March 2023	[LEG-23-SUB-0018] Climate Change (Eligible Industrial Activities) Amendment Regulations 2023	16 March 2023	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-23-MIN-0018] Climate Change (Eligible Industrial Activities) Amendment Regulations 2023	20 March 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0091] Report of the Cabinet Legislation Committee: Period Ended 17 March 2023	MFE	9 August 2023	-	Emissions	No
104.	EWR-23-SUB-0025 EWR-23-MIN-0025 CAB-23-MIN-0106	24 March 2023	[EWR-23-SUB-0025] Advancing climate adaptation through the recovery	29 March 2023	Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee [EWR]	[EWR-23-MIN-0025] Advancing Climate Adaptation Through the Recovery	3 April 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0106] No link available	MFE	27 June 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No
105.	DEV-23-SUB-0072 DEV-23-MIN-0072 CAB-23-MIN-0158 CAB-23-MIN-0158.01	NK	[DEV-23-SUB-0072] Additional Policy Decisions for the Building (Climate Change Response) Amendment Bill	10 May 2023	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-23-MIN-0072] Building (Climate Change Response) Amendment Bill: Additional Policy Decisions	15 May 2023	[CAB23-MIN-0158] No link available [CAB-23-MIN-0158.01] No link available	MBIE	27 June 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE Note: [CAB-23-MIN-0158] is a Cabinet Committee report to Cabinet of items considered by the Committee. [CAB-23-MIN-0158.01] is the Cabinet Committee minute attached to the report	Infrastructure	No

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106.	DEV-23-SUB-0079 DEV-23-MIN-0079 CAB-23-MIN-0168	3 May 2023	[DEV-23-SUB-0079] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Limits and Price Control Settings for Units: Approval to Consult on Annual Updates	10 May 2023	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-23-MIN-0079] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Limits and Price Control Settings for Units: Approval to Consult on Annual Updates	15 May 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0168] No link available	MFE	27 October 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
107.	DEV-23-SUB-0087 DEV-23-MIN-0087 CAB-23-MIN-0180	11 May 2023	[DEV-23-SUB-0087] Late Payment Penalties and Industrial Allocation Amendment Bill – Further Policy Decisions	17 May 2023	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-23-MIN-0087] Late Payment Penalties and Industrial Allocation Amendment Bill – Further Policy Decisions	22 May 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0180] No link available	MFE	19 October 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
108.	ENV-23-SUB-0017 ENV-23-MIN-0017 CAB-23-MIN-0217	26 May 2023	[ENV-23-SUB-0017] Consultation on a review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme to incentivise emission reductions	1 June 2023	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-23-MIN-0017] Review of the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme to Incentivise Emission Reductions: Release of Discussion Document	6 June 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0217] No link available	MFE	2 August 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
109.	ENV-23-SUB-0027 ENV-23-MIN-0027 CAB-23-MIN-0263	16 June 2023	[ENV-23-SUB-0027] Progressing the Climate Change Adaptation Bill	22 June 2023	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-23-MIN-0027] Progressing the Climate Change Adaptation Bill	26 June 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0263] No link available	MFE	4 October 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No
110.	ENV-23-SUB-0031 ENV-23-MIN-0031 CAB-23-MIN-0287	22 June 2023	[ENV-23-SUB-0031] Developing a Carbon Removals Strategy	27 June 2023	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-23-MIN-0031] Developing a Carbon Removals Strategy	3 July 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0287] No link available	MFE	21 August 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes

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111.	CAB-231 LEG-23-MIN-0177 CAB-23-MIN-0445	23 August 2023	[CAB-231] New Zealand's implementation of new obligations under the Rotterdam Convention following the 2022 COP	31 August 2023	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-23-MIN-0177] New Zealand's implementation of new obligations under the Rotterdam Convention following the 2022 COP	1 September 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0418] Report of the Cabinet Legislation Committee: Period Ended September 2023	MFE	2 November 2024	-	International commitments	No
112.	NK EWR-23-MIN-0025 CAB-23-MIN-0106	NK	[NK] Advancing Climate Adaptation Through the Recovery	29 March 2023	Cabinet Extreme Weather Recovery Committee [EWR]	[EWR-23-MIN-0025] Advancing Climate Adaptation Through the Recovery	31 March 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0106] No link available	MFE	2 November 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No
113.	NK NK CAB-23-MIN-0416	4 September 2023	[NK] Climate Change (Auctions, Limits, and Price Controls for Units) Amendment Regulations 2023 and Climate Change (Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levies) Amendment Regulations 2023	-	-	-	4 September 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0416] Climate Change (Auctions, Limits, and Price Controls for Units) Amendment Regulations 2023 and Climate Change (Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Levies) Amendment Regulations 2023	MFE	2 November 2024	Doesn't appear to have gone to Committee, no reference or link	Emissions	Yes
114.	DEV-23-SUB-0132 DEV-23-MIN-0132 CAB-23-MIN-0283	22 June 2023	[DEV-23-SUB-0132] Nationally Determined Contribution Strategy	28 June 2023	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-23-MIN-0132] No link available	3 July 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0283] Nationally Determined Contribution Strategy	MFE	18 October 2023	PDF of Committee minute not published by MFE	International commitments	Yes
115.	DEV-23-SUB-0135 DEV-23-MIN-0135 CAB-23-MIN-0280	28 June 2023	[DEV-23-SUB-0135] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Market Governance	28 June 2023	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-23-MIN-0135] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Market Governance	3 July 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0280] No link available	MFE	22 August 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No

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116.	ENV-23-SUB-0035 ENV-23-MIN-0035 CAB-23-MIN-0317	13 July 2023	[ENV-23-SUB-0035] Update to Aotearoa New Zealand's Approach to International Climate Change Negotiations	20 July 2023	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee [ENV]	[ENV-23-MIN-0035] Update to Aotearoa New Zealand's Approach to International Climate Change Negotiations	24 July 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0317] Report of the Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee: Period Ended 21 July 2023	MFAT	4 September 2023	-	International commitments	Yes
117.	NK CBC-23-MIN-0029 CAB-24-MIN-0003	20 December 2023	[NK] Government Response to the Report of the Māori Affairs Committee on Māori Climate Adaptation	20 December 2023	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-23-MIN-0029] Government Response to the Report of the Māori Affairs Committee on Māori Climate Adaptation	23 January 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0003] No link available	MFE	3 November 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Reporting	No
118.	NK DEV-23-MIN-0079 CAB-23-MIN-0168	5 May 2023	[NK] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Limits and Price Control Settings for Units: Approval to Consult on Annual Updates	10 May 2023	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-23-MIN-0079] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme Limits and Price Control Settings for Units: Approval to Consult on Annual Updates	15 May 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0168] No link available	MFE	2 November 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
119.	NK DEV-23-MIN-0135 CAB-23-MIN-0280	28 June 2023	[NK] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Market Governance	28 June 2023	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-23-MIN-0135] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Market Governance	3 July 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0280] No link available	MFE	2 November 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
120.	CAB-23-SUB-0330 CAB-23-MIN-0330	21 July 2023	[CAB-23-SUB-0330] 2023 update to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: limits and price control settings for New Zealand Units	-	-	-	24 July 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0330] 2023 Update to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Limits and Price Control Settings for New Zealand Units	MFE	27 October 2023	This paper appears to have been prepared for the Environment, Energy and Climate Committee, but went directly to Cabinet	Emissions	Yes

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121.	DEV-32-SUB-0159 DEV-32-MIN-0159 CAB-23-MIN-0348	NK	[DEV-32-SUB-0159] Proposed Energy and Emissions Reporting Scheme	2 August 2023	Cabinet Economic Development Committee [DEV]	[DEV-32-MIN-0159] Proposed Energy and Emissions Reporting Scheme	7 August 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0348] No link available	MBIE	29 September 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MBIE	Reporting	Yes		
122.	CBC-23-SUB-0016 CBC-23-MIN-0016 CAB-23-MIN-0357	3 August 2023	[CBC-23-SUB-0016] Community-led Retreat and Adaptation Funding: Issues and Options Paper	7 August 2023	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-23-MIN-0016] Community-led Retreat and Adaptation Funding: Issues and Options Paper	14 August 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0357] No link available	MFE	4 October 2023	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No		
123.	CAB-23-SUB-0370 CAB-23-MIN-0370	11 August 2023	[CAB-23-SUB-0370] Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pricing: Progress Update	-	-	-	14 August 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0370] Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pricing: Progress Update	MFE	18 August 2023	This paper appears to have not gone to a Cabinet committee before Cabinet.	Emissions	Yes		
124.	CBC-23-SUB-0021 CBC-23-MIN-0021 CAB-23-MIN-0445 CAB-23-MIN-0445-01	14 September 2023	[CBC-23-SUB-0021] Governance Entity for the Māori Climate Platform	18 September 2023	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-23-MIN-0021] No link available	22 September 2023	[CAB-23-MIN-0445] No link available [CAB-23-MIN-0445-01] Governance Entity for the Māori Climate Platform	MFE	27 November 2023	PDF of Committee minute and initial Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No		
125.	CAB-378 ECO-24-MIN-0041 CAB-24-MIN-0109 CAB-24-MIN-0109-02	2 April 2024	[CAB-378] Final policy decisions on amending the Climate Change Response Act 2002 to repeal agricultural obligations in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme	27 March 2024	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee [ECO]	[ECO-24-MIN-0041] No link available	2 April 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0109] No link available [CAB-24-MIN-0109-02] No link available	MFE	15 October 2024	Also proactively released by MPI: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/64161/direct	Emissions	No		

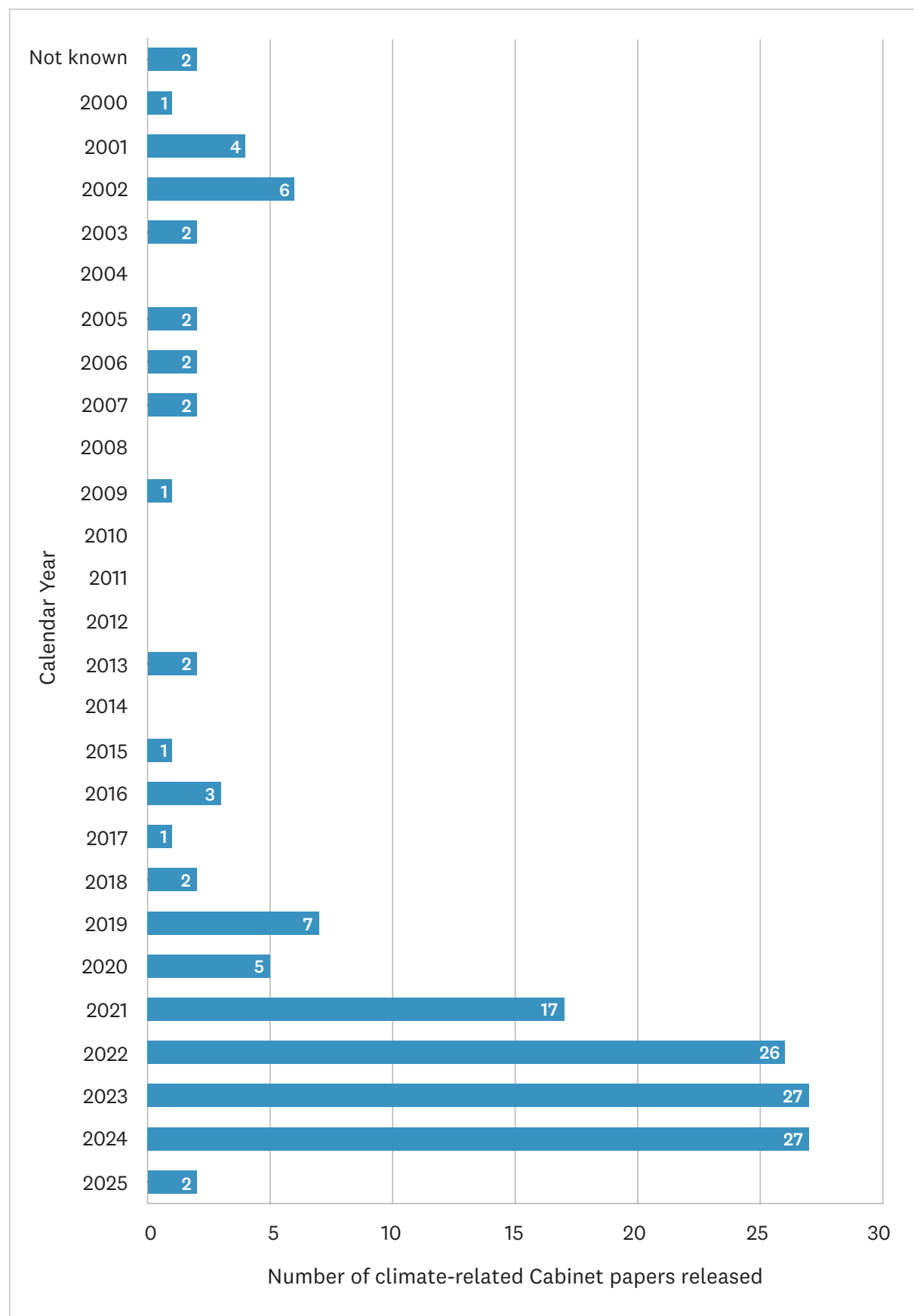
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126.	NK ECO-24-MIN-0042 CAB-24-MIN-0109	21 March 2024	[NK] Announcing the Methane Science and Target Review	27 March 2024	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee [ECO]	[ECO-24-MIN-0042] Announcing the Methane Science and Target Review	2 April 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0109] Report of the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee. Period Ended 29 March 2024	MFE	22 October 2024	-	Emissions	Yes
127.	NK ECO-24-MIN-0075 CAB-24-MIN-0156	27 May 2024	[NK] Approval to Consult: NZ ETS Settings and Annual Regulatory Updates 2025	8 May 2024	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee [ECO]	[ECO-24-MIN-0075] Approval to Consult: NZ ETS Settings and Annual Regulatory Updates 2025	13 May 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0156] No link available	MFE	27 May 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
128.	NK CBC-24-MIN-0083 CAB-24-MIN-0303	NK	[NK] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Unit Limits and Price Control Settings for 2025-2029	12 August 2024	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-24-MIN-0083] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Unit Limits and Price Control Settings for 2025-2029	19 August 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0303] No link available	MFE	1 November 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
129.	NK CBC-24-MIN-0084 CAB-24-MIN-0303	NK	[NK] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Technical Updates 2024	12 August 2024	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-24-MIN-0084] New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme: Unit Limits and Price Control Settings for 2025-2029	19 August 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0303] No link available	MFE	27 August 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
130.	NK ECO-24-MIN-0096 CAB-24-MIN-0195	23 May 2024	[NK] Initiating the Methane Science and Target Review	29 May 2024	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee [ECO]	[ECO-24-MIN-0096] Initiating the Methane Science and Target Review	4 June 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0195] Report of the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee. Period Ended 31 May 2024	MFE	22 October 2024	-	Emissions	Yes
131.	NK ECO-24-MIN-0201 CAB-24-MIN-0381	NK	[NK] Progressing Updates to Industrial Allocation in the Emissions Trading Scheme	25 September 2024	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee [ECO]	[ECO-24-MIN-0201] Progressing Updates to Industrial Allocation in the Emissions Trading Scheme	30 September 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0381] No link available	MFE	25 October 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No

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132.	NK ECO-24-MIN-0243 CAB-24-MIN-0439	11 November 2024	[NK] New Zealand's Second Emissions Reduction Plan: Finalising and Publishing the Plan	6 November 2024	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee [ECO]	[ECO-24-MIN-0243] No link available	11 November 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0439] No link available	MFE	19 December 2024	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
133.	CAB-381 LEG-24-MIN-0031 CAB-24-MIN-0099	6 August 2024	[CAB-381] Climate Change (Eligible Industrial Activities) Amendment Regulations 2024	27 March 2024	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-24-MIN-0031] No link available	3 November 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0099] No link available	MFE	22 November 2024	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	No
134.	CAB-400 ECO-24-MIN-0058 CAB-24-MIN-0121	15 April 2024	[CAB-400] Progressing an Adaptation Framework	10 April 2024	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee [ECO]	[ECO-24-MIN-0058] Progressing the Adaptation Framework	15 April 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0121] No link available	MFE	10 May 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Adaptation	No
135.	CAB-416 CBC-24-MIN-0064 CAB-24-MIN-0248	3 July 2024	[CAB-416] Public Consultation on the Second Emissions Reduction Plan	1 July 2024	Cabinet Business Committee [CBC]	[CBC-24-MIN-0064] Public Consultation on the Second Emissions Reduction Plan	8 July 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0248] No link available	MFE	3 November 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
136.	CAB-436 LEG-24-MIN-0114 CAB-24-MIN-0192	4 June 2024	[CAB-436] Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Scheme Agricultural Obligations) Amendment Bill: Approval for Introduction	30 May 2024	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-24-MIN-0114] No link available	4 June 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0192] No link available	MFE	15 August 2024	PDF of Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published	Emissions	No
137.	CAB-441 ECO-24-MIN-0097 CAB-24-MIN-0195	21 May 2024	[CAB-441] Establishing a Strategy for Responding to Climate Change	29 May 2024	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee [ECO]	[ECO-24-MIN-0097] Public Consultation on the Second Emissions Reduction Plan	4 June 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0195] Report of the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee. Period Ended 31 May 2024	MFE	3 November 2024	-	Response	No

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138.	NK APH-24-MIN-0111 CAB-24-MIN-0215	13 June 2024	[NK] Methane Science and Target Review Panel: Appointments	18 June 2024	Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee [APH]	[APH-24-MIN-0111] Methane Science and Target Review Panel: Appointments	24 June 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0215] Report of the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee: Period Ended 21 June 2024	MFE	22 October 2024	-	Emissions	Yes
139.	CAB-472 ECO-24-MIN-0259 CAB-24-MIN-0458	14 November 2024	[CAB-472] Proposed product stewardship regulations for synthetic refrigerants	20 November 2024	Cabinet Economic Policy Committee [ECO]	[ECO-24-MIN-0259] Synthetic Refrigerants: Proposed Product Stewardship Regulations	25 November 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0458] No link available	MFE	25 February 2025	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Refrigerants	Yes
140.	NK LEG-24-MIN-0190 CAB-24-MIN-0376	NK	[NK] Amendments to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) Regulations	19 September 2024	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-24-MIN-0190] Amendments to the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS) Regulations	23 September 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0376] No link available	MFE	18 December 2024	PDF of Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Emissions	Yes
141.	NK LEG-24-SUB-0263 CAB-24-MIN-0505	NK	[NK] Climate Change (Eligible Industrial Activities) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024 No link available	12 December 2024	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-24-SUB-0263] No link available	16 December 2024	[CAB-24-MIN-0505] No link available	MFE	5 February 2025	PDF of Submission, Committee minute and Cabinet minute not published by MFE	Industrial	No
142.	LEG-24-SUB-0269 LEG-24-MIN-0269 NK	NK	[LEG-24-SUB-0269] Climate Change (Forestry) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024	12 December 2024	Cabinet Legislation Committee [LEG]	[LEG-24-MIN-0269] Climate Change (Forestry) Amendment Regulations (No 2) 2024	NK	[NK] No link available	MPI	NK	PDF of Cabinet minute not found: The Institute has been advised by MPI that they do not publish the Cabinet minute unless it notes a change from the Cabinet Committee decision (28/04/2025)	Forestry	No

Appendix 3: Climate-related Cabinet papers since 2001, by year

Figure A3.1: Climate-related Cabinet papers released, by calendar year [142]



Appendix 4: DPMC and PSC documents about released Cabinet papers and Cabinet Committee papers

Figure A4.1: DPMC's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024

Source: DPMC, *Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2024*³⁸

Cabinet Office statistics

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2023/24 Actual	2022/23 Actual	2021/22 Actual
MEETINGS			
Executive Council	30 ¹⁷	45	45
Cabinet	40 ¹⁹	45	50
Cabinet committees	122 ¹⁹	185	176
Summary cover sheets to Cabinet and Cabinet committee papers	1,229 ¹⁹	1,735	1,556
Submissions lodged by Ministers' offices by the Cabinet Office deadline	81%	81%	73%
Papers published by the close of business, two days before the meeting	90% ¹⁸	93%	96%
Cabinet and Cabinet committee minutes	1,542 ¹⁹	2,096	1,964
Cabinet and Cabinet committee minutes requiring an amendment by the Cabinet Office ¹⁹	5	3	10
Cabinet minutes published by the close of business, three days after the Cabinet meeting	98%	98%	96%
Cabinet Office circulars	14	7	2
Briefing seminars to departments, Ministers' offices and other interested parties on the Cabinet decision-making process	26	33	20
Enquiries and requests from Ministers' offices and departments about Cabinet papers and related information	129	119	86

¹⁷ Fewer meetings take place during an election period.

¹⁸ At the request of Ministers, publication of papers for some policy committees is prioritised over other meetings, thereby impacting the timeliness of publication of papers overall.

¹⁹ Excludes amendments to Cabinet and Cabinet committee minutes made as a result of a Cabinet decision.

Figure A4.2: PSC Proactive Release of Cabinet papers: July–December 2024

Source: PSC, *Proactive Release of Cabinet papers: July–December 2024*³⁹

Executive Summary

- 1. Since 2018, all Cabinet papers and minutes must be proactively released and published online within 30 business days of final decisions being taken by Cabinet, unless there is good reason not to publish all or part of the material, or to delay the release beyond 30 days [CAB-18-MIN-0418 refers].
- 2. Proactive release is different from release under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Cabinet material is published in the interests of transparency.
- 3. In May 2022, Cabinet agreed [CAB-22-MIN-0168.01 refers] that:
 - a. departments be required to provide information to the Public Service Commission (the Commission) every six months on the number of Cabinet papers approved for release by the relevant portfolio Minister and the number of Cabinet papers released; and
 - b. the Commission report this information to the Minister for the Public Service.¹
- 4. This report provides you with data on the proactive release of Cabinet papers for the period July to December 2024. Overall proactive release performance for this period remained consistent with previous reporting despite volume increases.
- 5. Key results for the proactive release of Cabinet papers, with comparison to the previous reporting period are:

¹ The reporting requirements are outlined in [Cabinet Office Circular CO \(23\) 04](#) and [section 8.19](#) of the Cabinet manual.

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	Measure	Jul-Dec 2024	Jan – Jun 2024
A	Papers approved for release within the reporting period	522	402
B	Papers released	330 (63%)	233 (58%)
C	Papers released within 30 working days (as a % of B)	219 (66%)	160 (69%)
D	Papers released within policy - 30 working days or delay envisaged by the policy (as a % of B)	251 (76%)	191 (82%)

- 5. A breakdown of the proactive release data by portfolio is attached as **appendix one**. This data is limited to papers released within 30 days (row C).

Abbreviations

CAB	Cabinet
CBC	Cabinet Business Committee
DEV	Cabinet Economic Development Committee
EGI	Cabinet Economic Growth and Infrastructure Committee
ENV	Cabinet Environment, Energy and Climate Committee
EWB	Extreme Weather Recovery Committee
INDC	Intended Nationally Determined Contributions
LEG	Cabinet Legislation Committee
NDC	Nationally Determined Contributions
POL	Cabinet Policy Committee
SWC	Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee

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