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3 February 2022

Dear

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 14 January 2022. You requested:

Any information (papers, briefings, aides memoire or notes) your department has provided to Ministers since 1 January 2021 relating to the inclusion of Agriculture into an emissions pricing scheme (ETS, farm-level levy, processor-level hybrid levy).

No Information Held

We have not provided any papers, briefings, aides-memoires, or notes to Ministers on this topic since 1 January 2021. We have additionally undertaken an electronic search of Treasury's records but identified no substantive information relevant to your request in other reports. Consequently, I have decided to decline your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act – the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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