

From: [Info at MfE](#)
To: s 9(2)(a)
Subject: 15-D-01811 s 9(2)(a) OIA and Ack - Atmospheric Aerosol forcing and SRM research in NZ
Date: Wednesday, 4 November 2015 10:18:00 am

Dear s 9(2)(a)

On behalf of the Ministry for the Environment, I am acknowledging your email of 2 November 2015 in which you have requested, under the Official Information Act 1982,

I'm interested in the psychosocial and economic impacts, and legislative aspects, of Atmospheric Aerosol Solar Radiation Management (SRM). I'm aware that there are a number of NZ atmospheric scientists actively researching aerosol SRM, and that aerosol forcing operations have been underway in NZ airspace since as early as 2005, but on a wider scale since 2011.

I hope that the Ministry for the Environment can provide conclusive advice. Therefore, I request that you arrange to send me some general material:

- 1. Executive level summary and overview of climate change aerosol SRM research programmes approved by the Ministry for the Environment.***
- 2. Executive level overview of aerosol forcing operations being undertaken in NZ airspace.***
- 3. Details of ministerial sign-off and/or Cabinet orders in council approving aerosol forcing programmes.***
- 4. List of stakeholders / collaborating agencies (e.g. NIWA, Airways NZ, etc.) and their functional involvement.***
- 5. Relevant climate change policy documents covering the above.***

Your request will be responded to as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Regards

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From: s 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 2 November 2015 5:05 p.m.
To: Vicky Robertson

Subject: FW: Atmospheric Aerosol forcing and SRM research in NZ

To: Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment

Re: Official Information Request - Atmospheric Aerosol SRM research/ aerosol forcing in NZ airspace

Kia ora Vicky,

My name is **s 9(2)(a)** and I am undertaking preliminary scoping for post-graduate research I intend to commence at the University of Canterbury.

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This would be enough to give me a broad understanding of the scope and scale of aerosol

forcing and SRM research currently being undertaken in New Zealand.

I'm sure I can come back to your ministry for any detailed material as I refine the scope of my own research.

If there is a particular person you prefer me to liaise with, a programme or project manager, please copy me into their contact details.

If you have material that has to be posted, see my address details below.

I would appreciate if you would acknowledge receipt of my request in the first instance, as I understand OIA requests can take up to 20 working days for a full reply.

Thank you very much for your assistance, and I look forward to your reply in due course.

Kind regards,

s 9(2)(a)

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