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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your emails of 6 November 2018, in which you questioned our response to your request dated 5 October 2018 for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

*Please provide the evidence that proves that human generated carbon dioxide is the cause of dangerous global warming. I seek evidence not assertions.*

As I advised you in my previous letter, the evidence on carbon dioxide and climate change is publicly available; therefore, your request was refused under section 18(d) of the OIA.

The evidence is best summarised by the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). We do not agree that the IPCC's reports are "simply assertions and numerical models". They draw on the evidence from thousands of peer-reviewed studies conducted around the world. These expert assessments are robustly and transparently reviewed, and accepted by all governments.

The IPCC's Fifth Assessment Report was completed in November 2014 and is available at the following link: [www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/](http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/). You can find more details on the evidence by reading the citations throughout the Report, or the Technical Summary ([http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/wg1/WG1AR5\\_TS\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/assessment-report/ar5/wg1/WG1AR5_TS_FINAL.pdf)).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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