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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 21 April requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can I please be provided with a copy of any advice or report received by MFE from the New Zealand Acoustic Society (ASNZ) through the national planning standards process?

You will find the advice received by the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) from the Acoustical Society of New Zealand (ASNZ) in the table attached to the letter. The advice was received in the form of emails and edited versions of the standards.

As explained in the 2J-Noise and vibrations metrics standard recommendations report the ASNZ advised that the measurement of gunfire noise is outside the scope of NZS6802:2008 Acoustics-Environmental Noise. The ASNZ advised the Ministry to include guidance on what is not covered by the standard.

The Ministry became aware of concerns of submitters surrounding the measurement of gunfire noise under NZS6802:2008 Acoustics-Environmental Noise after receiving 19 submissions on the topic in the submissions for the first set of national planning standards in 2018.

In order to address these concerns, and be consistent with feedback from the ASNZ, the Ministry modified the planning standards to clarify that noise must be within the scope of the NZS6802:2008. NZS6802:2008 Section 1.2.1 states that 'impulsive sound (such as gunfire and blasting)...are generally outside the scope of the Standard'.

The New Zealand Transport Agency guide mentioned at page 24 in the documents being released to you is publicly available. This guide can be found at the following link:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/effects-on-noise-sensitive-land/>.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information on our website on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent.

If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lesley Baddon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Name

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List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	15 January 18	ASNZ initial comments on draft noise standards	Released in full	N/a
2	10 October 17	Notes from workshop with ASNZ	Released in full	N/a
3	15 January 2018	Comments on draft noise definitions	Released in full	N/a
4	15 November 2018	Email: Recommendations on Noise and Vibration National Planning Standard	Released in full	N/a
5	30 October 17	Email: Planning Standards Noise Metric Work	Released in full	N/a
6	21 February 19	Email: Helicopter Standard	Released in full	N/a
7	11 February 19	Measurement methods and symbols Siiri Wilkening	Released in full	N/a
8	08 September 17	Email: National Planning Standards- Acoustics	Released in full	N/a
9	20 February 19	Email: NZS 6807:1994	Released in full	N/a
10	14 February 2018	Email: Planning Standards Noise Metric Work	Released in full	N/a
11	23 January 2018	Email: 2 nd version of Planning Standards Noise Metric Work to NZ Acoustics Society for comment	Released in full	N/a