

5 August 2019

19-D-01329

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 1 July 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Copies of any communications, including but not limited to presentations, hand-outs or other communications provided by Vicky Robertson and or MFE during her visit and attendance at EAT Stockholm.

Copies of any communications, including but not limited to emails inviting Vicky Robertson to EAT Stockholm. Please take this to include any emails to/from Professor Boyd Swinburn prior to or post attending EAT Stockholm.

The Ministry for the Environment has identified 21 documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table. Some information within one of these documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

While the second part of your OIA request was for the invitation to Ms Robertson to attend EAT Stockholm, it was the Prime Minister and various government Ministers who were first invited. The Ministry for the Environment discussed the invitations with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Ministry for Primary Industries then briefed Ministers. Agreement was reached that the Secretary for the Environment, Ms Vicky Robertson, would attend the event.

On the 3rd of July you sent a second OIA request relating to the EAT Stockholm event. That request is answered separately.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment 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, appearing to read 'C Richardson', with a large, loopy flourish above it.

Claire Richardson
Deputy Secretary, Organisational Performance

Released under the provision of
the Official Information Act 1982

List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	14-Feb-19	Email from Prof Swinburn to MfE seeking discussion	Release in full	
2	6-Mar-19	Email invitation from EAT to PM and ministers attachment is doc 7.1	Release in full	
2.1	6-Mar-19	Invitation to the EAT Stockholm Food Forum	Release in full	
3	8-Mar-19	Forwarding email invitation from EAT to PM and ministers attachment is doc 8	Release in full	
4	19-Mar-19	Email response from EAT regarding NZ attendance	Release in full	
5	19-Mar-19	Email response from Hon Shaw office regarding EAT invitation	Release in full	
6	19-Mar-19	EAT response email to Hon Shaw declining invitation	Release in full	
7	27-Mar-19	Signed memo to Prime Minister Jacinda Arden, Hon David Parker and Hon James Shaw	Release in full	
8	1-May-19	Internal forwarding of email invitation to political roundtable discussion prior to EAT Forum	Release in full	
9	5-May-19	Email from Prof Swinburn	Release in full	
10	10-May-19	Policy Roundtable flyer	Release in full	
11	13-May-19	Email of VR acceptance of invite to round table	Release in part	S9(2)(a)
12	22-May-19	EAT welcoming email to VR, attachments are docs 12.1 and 12.2	Release in full	
12.1	22-May-19	EAT side events information	Release in full	
12.2	22-May-19	EAT panel brief and information pack	Release in full	

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
13	29-May-19	EAT event organising email	Release in full	
14	30-May-19	Internal forwarding of Prof Swinburn invite to EAT side event	Release in full	
15	4-Jun-19	EAT email to speaker on final reminders	Release in full	
16	6-Jun-19	Email from EAT on accommodation reminder	Release in full	
17	10-Jun-19	EAT email reminding participants of app	Release in full	
18	Not dated	Logistics note for policy roundtable side event	Release in full	
19	Not dated	Message board – invitation to a NZ EAF forum 2020	Release in full	
20	13-Jun-19	EAT panel transcript	Release in full	
21	Not dated	EAT side events	Withhold in full: Publicly available at https://eatforum.org/eatforum19-side-events/	