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Dear s 9(2)(a)

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

- *the average number of working days it took to provide access to personal information under IPP6 of the Privacy Act;*
- *the median number of working days it took to provide access to personal information under IPP6 of the Privacy Act;*
- *the mode number of working days it took to provide access to personal information under IPP6 of the Privacy Act;*

for all access requests received within the period 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019.

The Ministry for the Environment does not hold the particular information you have requested. The vast majority of personal information held by the Ministry relates to staff. Staff's personal information is stored confidentially by the Ministry, and can be accessed and amended by current staff via an on-line kiosk.

Any other personal information held which someone might seek to correct in line with IPP6 is very limited, and means that we receive very few requests for access. Consequently, the Ministry does not keep a log of the information you seek as it would be administratively burdensome to do so for the low number of requests it receives. Accordingly, as the information you have requested does not exist, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to refuse 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.

Yours sincerely



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