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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 13 August 2019 which you sent to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting a number of briefings under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). One of those documents, a 22 July 2019 briefing titled "New Zealand's implementation of new chemical listings under the Rotterdam Convention", was written by the Ministry for the Environment and so MBIE transferred that part of the request to us.

We are declining your request under section 18(d) of the Act because this document will soon be publicly available.

The briefing that you have requested accompanied a Cabinet paper which went to the Environment, Energy and Climate Cabinet Committee in August, and which has an associated Cabinet paper that is due to be considered by the Cabinet Legislation Committee in mid-October 2019.

The package of related papers and briefings will be proactively released following Cabinet approval. We will recommend that the briefing you requested is included as part of this package.

We anticipate that the paper will be publicly released by December this year.

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](http://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, at [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

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