

19-D-02442

s 9(2)(a)

25 November 2019

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 25 October requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

The following information from the commencement of introduction of the Carbon Tax from its introduction on 1st April 2007 until 1st April 2010.

Separately for the following categories but not limited to:

- * Petroleum Products Petrol/Diesel/Lubricating Oils/ Natural Gas/ LPG Gas*
- * Coal mining*
- * Oil Refineries*
- * Jet Fuel*
- * Geothermal Energy for process of heat or electricity generation*
- * Imports of Coal/ Oil Refineries/ Carbon Anodes/ Pitch/ Black*
- * Any other Carbon Tax collected and to specifically identified in the above points.*

*Please advise: * Where Carbon Tax Revenue is accounted for in the Governments accounts.*

*Please advise: * Where the Carbon Tax Revenue is allocated for spending.*

Your original request to the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) was transferred to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) as the information you requested falls under the Ministry's operational responsibilities.

The information that you have requested is publicly available. Therefore, under section 18(d) your request is declined. I have outlined below where to find the information. Also, some of the information you have requested does not exist, therefore that part of your request is declined under section 19(e) of the Act.

Your request asks for information on the introduction of "the Carbon Tax". I interpret your request as asking for the financial records of industries participating in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), as a carbon tax was not implemented in New Zealand.

The ETS was implemented in 2008, hence there are only records for 2008, 2009, and 2010 and not 2007 which you include in your request. Furthermore, forestry was the only participant in the NZ ETS in 2008/09 so for the industries you specifically ask for there are only records for 2010.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) provides an annual report that shows the number of units that are reported by various sectors. This is publically available information. You can access the 2010 report here: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Emissions-Trading-Scheme/Reports/Annual-Reports/Emissions-Trading-Scheme-for-2010.pdf>

Only a portion of these participants are obligated to surrender units to the Government and the fiscal revenue generated from obligated participants would depend on the carbon price of the day. Revenue generated from the Emissions Trading Scheme goes into a central Government account of which money is allocated based on yearly budgets. The Government's economic and fiscal updates are available on the Treasury website: https://treasury.govt.nz/publications/search?f%5B0%5D=field_resource_type%3A2594

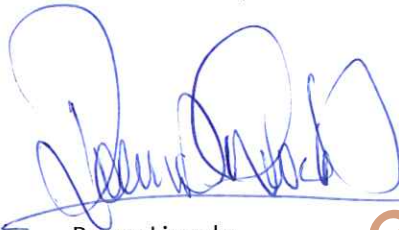
You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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 will publish responses to most of our requests for official information on our OIA responses page shortly after the response has been sent to you.

If you have any queries about this response, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team at ministerials@mfe.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



Roger Lincoln
Director - Climate Change

Released under the provision of
the Official Information Act 1982