

19-D-02453

s 9(2)(a)

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 30 October 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- a) *Could I please have a copy of the standard terms and conditions for contracted policy research*
- b) *Could I please get a copy of research completed under the standard terms and conditions which has been completed in the last five years and where findings have not been made public*

On 6 November you provided the following amendment to your request:

Could you please reduce it to research conducted by CRIs or Cawthron Institute.

In regard to part a) of your request, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified four documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached table.

As per the second part of your request, even with the amendment made, the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research, therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(f) of the Act.

The Ministry enters into a large number of contracts which are stored in a document management system (not a contract management system). A search process using broad terms such as 'research' or even for nominated suppliers, returns thousands of contract documents over the requested period. The Ministry would also need to consult with multiple other agencies on many of these contracts. This could only be completed by applying a substantial extension.

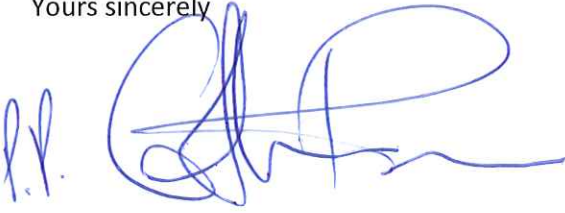
In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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 web site on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent to you.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'K' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal line.

Kirsty Millard

Director Legal, Procurement, and Executive Relations

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List of documents

Document no.	Document date	Title & document type	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	2012	Ministry for the Environment - High value high risk template conditions of contract	Released in full	
2	2014	Government Model Contract (GMC) Low value low risk template conditions of contract	Released in full	
3	2016	GMC Lite template conditions of contract	Released in full	
4	April 2018	Ministry for the Environment - Science Panel Head Agreement template conditions of contract	Released in full	

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