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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 4 October 2019 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Any advice, including but not limited to emails, reports and/ or memos, provided to your employees about the use of the application 'TikTok' on their work mobile phone between September 2019 and January 27th, 2020.

No advice has been given to staff in relation to the use of 'TikTok' on their work mobile phone during the time period specified in your request. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18 (e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

Access to the Ministry's IT and communications systems are provided for business use. While limited personal use of the internet and email is acceptable, IT and communications facilities are provided for staff to carry out the work for which they are employed.

Staff are expected to use IT and communications facilities in a responsible manner, in accordance with the Ministry's Standards for Integrity and Conduct policy, the laws of New Zealand and the Public Service Code of Conduct.

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 [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



Mike Porter
Chief Information Officer

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the Official Information Act 1982