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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your emails of 27 February 2020 to the Ministry for the Environment and the Fiordland Marine Guardians requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the Official Information Act 1982 I am wondering if you have had Clarke Gayford MC any events for your organisation, or an organisation which comes under your umbrella since 26th October 2017?

If so:

1. *How was he contracted?? (eg, directly or through a talent management agency?)*
2. *How much money paid for the event? And who was it paid to?*
3. *Who was involved in the decision making for contracting his services?*
4. *If he, or the service provider he was contracted through, was paid for the event, how was the payment funded?*
5. *If he was used, please provide all communications pursuant to his appointment.*

I wish to advise that under section 18(e) of the Act your request is refused, as the information you have requested does not exist. Neither the Ministry for the Environment nor the Fiordland Marine Guardians have contracted Clarke Gayford in any capacity, or at any time.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision, 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: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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