

s 9(2)(a)

20-D-00964

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 11 June 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can you please let me know whether any calculations have been requested, discussed, undertaken, investigated and/or analysed by the NZ Government, in relation to the carbon emissions created by the above [the aerial deposition of 1080].

If so, please send copies of these documents and/or any related correspondence.

If there has been no such discussion or investigation/calculations, can you please explain why this is?

Please also explain how this serious lack of data fits in (or not) with the Governmental claims about the country's carbon emission targets or objectives and what the Government might plan to do to rectify this situation?

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) does not hold any documents in scope of your request. Therefore, your request has been refused under section 18(g) of the Act:

- 18(g) that the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either-
- (i) held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or
 - (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

The Ministry measures and reports annual emissions at the national level for various sectors (such as emissions from aviation gasoline and jet kerosene) on its emissions tracker [website](#). However, the Ministry does not record exactly what the emissions are from, and does not have a specific measurement for individual activities such as 1080 operations. The emissions from 1080 operations are included in estimates of national emissions, so are accounted for when we measure progress towards our climate change targets.

The Ministry also consulted with the Department of Conservation and the Environmental Protection Authority, and both departments confirmed they do not hold the information you have sought.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Cowie".

Matthew Cowie
Acting Director, Climate Change

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