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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 19 July 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

** the number of OIA requests received in the last financial year. I understand that you are now required to report this to parliament as part of the annual financial review process, so the number should be available;*

** the number of requests in the last financial year for which a charge was demanded, if available;*

** the number of requests in the last financial year for which a charge was paid, if available;*

** the total amount received in charges for OIA requests in the last financial year. This should be available from your financial systems. If it is not available, I would like an explanation why*

I am seeking this information in order to compare with statistics gathered in 2015 to determine whether there has been any change in charging practice over the last five years.

From 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) received 216 requests for official information.

The Ministry has not charged for supplying official information under the Act during this period. I can also confirm that over the past five years there have been no charges made for any of our responses to requests made under the Act.

Please note that, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision 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.

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

Yours sincerely

This response has been approved electronically by:

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Director Legal, Procurement and Executive Relations

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the Official Information Act 1982