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20-D-01331

Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 20 July 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to make a request under the OIA concerning some land purchased made by Solid energy in Rolleston Christchurch.*

And your clarification of 30 July 2020:

*The purchases involve 3 properties:*

- 1) 23 Hoskyns Road small plot about 1 ha or less, purchased by Solid Energy (SE) in 2001*
- 2) 25 Hoskyns Road 2.9ha Purchased by SE 2003.*
- 3) 35 Hoskyns Road (part) approx. 3 Ha purchased by SE in 2007.*

*I would like to request all and every bit of information available on these purchases please, including; prices paid, registered valuations which would have been required as a statutory obligation. We would also like to request any documentation of the negotiating process for these 3 properties.*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) does not hold any information on these purchases made by Solid Energy. We also consulted with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, the Treasury, Land Information New Zealand, Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council, who all confirmed that they did not hold information relevant to your request.

As such, the Ministry is refusing your request under section 18(g)(i), as the information requested is not held by the organisation, and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or organisation.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to refuse 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

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.

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

Yours sincerely

Electronically approved by Debbie Bell.

Debbie Bell  
**Manager, Executive Relations**

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