

20-D-01748

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 9 September requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the Official Information Act (OIA), I am requesting the following:

- The number of OIA requests your organization has received from the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union over the last three years;*
- What percentage of the total number of OIA requests received by your organization over the same three year period is represented by requests from the NZ Taxpayers' Union.*

The Ministry for the Environment has received 14 OIA requests from the New Zealand Taxpayers' Union over the last three calendar years, being: 2017, 2018 and 2019. The number of requests from the Taxpayers' union represents 2.5% of the total number of requests the Ministry for the Environment has received over the same three year period.

A breakdown of these figures is in the below table:

New Zealand Taxpayers Union Official Information Act requests to MfE			
Year	Number of OIA requests made by NZ Taxpayers Union	Total number of requests received by MfE	% of total number of requests represented by NZ Tax Payers Union
2017	2	135	2.5%
2018	8	190	
2019	4	229	

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: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Millard', written in a cursive style.

Kirsty Millard
Director, Legal and Ministerial Services

Released under provisions of the Official Information Act 1982