

20-D-01986

s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 27 October 2020 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Under the Official Information Act, I request any quantified estimates, completed in the last two years, of the effectiveness of any government policy in reducing emissions measured in terms of cost per tonne of emissions reduced or abated. This request covers estimates to support a proposed policy and estimates done after the implementation of a policy. This request covers all government policies regardless of whether their main purpose is to reduce emissions. This request excludes the cost per tonne emissions performance estimates done by the Interim Climate Change Committee.

If it is any help, I made a similar request to MfE in mid-2019. I have sent a request similar to this to the Ministry of Transport, so please exclude any estimates from MoT. I would be grateful if you could alert me to any cost per tonne estimates being developed currently but not yet published.

The Ministry identified no documents in scope of your request. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act as information requested does not exist.

The Government reports its mitigation actions alongside estimates of its mitigation impact as part of New Zealand's International Reporting under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

New Zealand's Fourth Biennial Report, which was not in the scope of your request, was published by the Ministry in December 2019. Estimates of the mitigation impact of various policies and measures can be found in chapter 4 of this document which can be found at: www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/climate-change/new-zealands-fourth-biennial-report-under-united-nations-framework.

You may also be interested in the marginal abatement cost curves analysis work undertaken by the Ministry. This analysis looks at the potential scale and estimated costs of a range of possible options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in New Zealand. A report on the results of this analysis and supporting documents was published in January 2020 and can be found here: www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/climate-change/marginal-abatement-cost-curves-analysis-new-zealand-potential-greenhouse.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of this response, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on its website at: 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 Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Cowie
Acting Director, Climate Change Mitigation

Released under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982