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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 19 November 2020 in response to a Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) letter refusing your 29 October 2020 request for information (20-D-02094 refers) under the Official Information Act (the Act).

In that correspondence, you asked the Ministry to do the following:

*Limit the search to advice to the current minister*

This was logged this as a new request for official information under the Act.

The Ministry contacted you, via email, on 23 November 2020 to clarify your 19 November 2020 request. Clarification was sought on the *advice* aspect of your request and a timeframe to ensure the correct information could be considered as part of the request.

You responded with a new request for official information on 23 November 2020 under the Act:

*A copy of the latest information you might hold on who is your current minister might be and how long he has been your current minister.*

The Ministry asked you again to clarify your original request so it could be progressed. The Ministry was subsequently copied in on an email you sent to Hon James Shaw.

*Dear Minister, I have a request for official information under the Official Information Act.*

*I request a copy of the document you signed each time you took the oath of office as Minister of climate change.*

*I am attempting to clarify how long you have been the current minister for Climate change. The oath you took before the governor general will be definitive evidence.*

As this request is addressed to the Minister of Climate Change Hon James Shaw, his office will respond directly to you under the provisions of the Act.

Your 19 November request (20-D-02094 refers) was refused under section 18(f) of the Act and the Ministry contacted you on multiple occasions to clarify and refine the scope. As no definitive clarification was provided, your request for *advice to the current minister* is refused under the following sections of the Act:

- 18A(2)(a) - that are about the same subject matter or about similar subject matters;
- 18A(2)(b) - that are received simultaneously or in short succession.

Your request for: *A copy of the latest information you might hold on who is your current minister might be and how long he has been your current minister* is also refused under the following section of the Act

- 18(d) - that the information requested is publicly available.

This information can be accessed via this link: <https://dpmc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2020-11/ministerial-list-6-nov-2020.pdf>.

Please also note, in line with section 12(2) of the Act, official information requests must be specified with due particularity in the request.

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

Yours sincerely



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