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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email to Vicky Robertson, Secretary for the Environment at the Ministry of the Environment (the Ministry) on 15 January 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

To clarify our official information request, we would like answers to the following four questions:

- 1) Please list all GDSs that were archived in 2019/2020, being those that were in operation as at 31 December 2018 (see list attached) but are no longer in operation as at 31 December 2020? Please state the date (e.g., month and year) and the reason the strategy was archived.*
- 2) Please list GDSs that were moved to another department in 2019/20, being those that were in operation as at 31 December 2018 but is now being implemented by another government department as at 31 December 2020?*
- 3) Please list all new GDSs (published in 2019/2020) (being those that are not on the list as at 31 December 2018)? (diversity and intranet page list)*
- 4) Please list all new GDS (published in 2019/2020) that have also been archived in 2019/20? I expect there will not be many of these.*

The Ministry does not have any strategies which fall within scope of questions one, two and four of your request, therefore I am refusing these parts under section 18(e) of the Act - that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found

The Ministry has published the below strategies which fall within scope of question three of your request:

- **Diversity and Inclusion Strategy April 2019** - Sets out how we will promote a diverse and inclusive culture at the Ministry
- **Te Ao Māori Strategy** - Strengthening our Māori capability and an important part of our strategic direction
- **Tūhono Strategy** - Ensure the Crown-iwi relationship under the Treaty of Waitangi is better reflected in environmental policy and resource management arrangements.
- **Workforce Strategy December 2018 – 2022** – To equip the Ministry with the people, capabilities and culture we need to work with partners to make Aotearoa New Zealand the most liveable place in the world.
- **Sustainability Strategy** – Sets out our plan to July 2022 to minimise our environmental footprint.

The Ministry developed an *IT digital* strategy in 2019. This strategy was not promoted due to the events of COVID-19.

Our Statement of Intent details our strategic intentions and can be found on our website here: <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/sites/default/files/media/About/Ministry-for-the-environment-statement-of-intent-2020-2025-final.pdf> lists our strategic priorities for 2020-2025.

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 Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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