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Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 2 June 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Details of all monitoring/productivity measuring software/tools used to monitor staff of the department, including when it came into effect, what it's purpose is, and any policy documents related to the software.*

*This includes information on any free trials/trial periods of use of such software/tools for the last two years.*

*Please confirm if the software is used for all staff, office staff only, or remote workers only.*

After consulting with other agencies, the Ministry for the Environment has interpreted your request to include any tool or software that specifically measures the productivity or performance of staff, other than those required for security operation or network management.

The Ministry does not use any tools or software to measure staff productivity or performance. As such, your request has been refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry or the Minister.

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

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment will publish responses to most of our requests for official information on our web site on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent to you.

If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Executive Relations team.

Yours sincerely



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