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Thank you for your email of 31 August requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

The Cabinet Committee Cabinet paper(s) and CAB paper(s) outlining the project which was subsequently approved (MBIE). We would also like a copy of the Business Case submitted by the Green School as part of their application for this funding. We are happy for any commercially sensitive information to be redacted as we are more interested in the concept than material legitimately withheld under Section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.

2. Briefing papers (BPs, Aide Memoires) to Minister Jones as either Minister of Infrastructure/Minister for Regional Development on the Green School initiative in Taranaki (1a)i (MBIE), and to Dr Woods, MinMBIE if briefed separately from 1 (a) (MBIE)

3. All Briefing Advice (BPs, AMs) give to the Minister of Education/Associate Ministers of Education on the Green School Initiative in 2020 (MinEducation)

4. All Briefing Advice to the Minister of Environment on the Green School Initiative in Taranaki in 2020 (MFE)

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) holds no documents relating to your request. Therefore, your request is refused under Section 18(e) of the Act as the information sought does not exist.

Following relevant searches conducted for this request, the Ministry contacted two other public service agencies (The Treasury and Ministry of Education) regarding a possible transfer of your request. Both agencies advised they had received similar requests from you. The Treasury noted it would respond in due course, so a transfer of the request was not required.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response from the Office of the Ombudsman, 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 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

This response letter has been approved electronically

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