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Thank you for your email of 21 August 2024 making the following request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to request copies of all correspondence dated since 1 January 2010 involving the Ministry for the Environment and any reports generated or received by the Ministry for the Environment since 1 January 2000, regarding the prospect of nuclear power generation in New Zealand.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has identified seven email conversations in scope of your request, as listed in the below table. We have not identified any reports in scope of your request.

I am releasing one of these documents to you in full. I am releasing six documents to you in part, with some information withheld under the following sections of the Act:

9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

18(d) as the information is already publicly available.

Documents 1, 2, and 4 are records of correspondence between the Ministry, Ministers' offices, and members of the public about the topic.

Document 3 is a record of internal Ministry correspondence about the topic.

Documents 5 and 6 are records of correspondence between the Ministry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade about the topic.

Document 7 is an email conversation between a Ministry staff member in their capacity as a board member of Engineering New Zealand, a non-governmental professional body, and their fellow board members. The staff member used their Ministry email address in error and the content of the document does not represent the views or internal work of the Ministry.

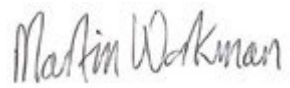
In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Martin Workman". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Martin Workman, Chief of Staff
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao

Document schedule

| # | Date | Type of correspondence | Subject of email | Decision |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | 11-05-2014 | External correspondence | Understanding Nuclear Energy | Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act |
| 2 | 20-05-2019 | External correspondence | Nuclear Power in New Zealand - An Enquiry | Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act |
| 3 | 03-10-2019 | Internal correspondence | Nuclear power | Released in full |
| 4 | 25-01-2020 | External correspondence | Nuclear Power in New Zealand | Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act |
| 5 | 23-10-2020 | Inter-agency correspondence | Nuclear power and climate change | Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act |
| 6 | 10-02-2021 | Inter-agency correspondence | Reconnecting on Nuclear Power and Climate Change | Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act |
| 7 | 10-02-2022 | Non-Ministry correspondence | Nuclear energy | Released in part with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act |