



11 December 2024

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 13 November 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. May I have all the testing results from 1/1/2014 to 12/11/2024 of any and all fireworks imported into NZ or, manufactured here. And how many requests for purchase of fireworks outside of normal selling times. And, how many batches have been rejected because they have more than 40grams of pyrotechnic material. Please include all data from checking the decibel level of currently available fireworks too.*
- 2. May I have all the arrests, warnings, prosecution data for any perpetrators caught illegally lighting fireworks that have caused harm to: Animals, Property, Beaches, Reserves, Scrubland, Bush, Humans. For the period 1/1/2014 to 12/11/2024*

As the information requested is not held by the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, Minister of the Crown, organisation, or local authority, the Ministry is refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act. You may want to contact the Police, as they may hold some data similar to that you have requested in point 2 above.

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.

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry 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.

Nāku noa, nā,

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