



25 February 2025

OIAD-1470

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 31 January 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Whether the Ministry for the Environment rents or sublets accommodation to any employees, or provides accommodation to any employees as an entitlement through their employment contract. This includes accommodation that is owned or leased by the Ministry for the Environment, and refers to long-term as well as short-term accommodation.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) is refusing your request in full under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist. The Ministry does not rent or sublet accommodation to any employee or provide accommodation to any employee as an entitlement to their employment contracts.

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 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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