



5 March 2025

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 4 February 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- Any correspondence between the Ministry for the Environment or its employees and the Irish Government, the Irish Embassy, representatives of the Irish Government, members (Teachta Dála) of the Irish Parliament (Dáil Éireann), or officials working for the Irish Government, referencing methane, no additional warming, Global Warming Potential or GWP*. Including but not limited to emails, letters, notes, voice notes, text messages and messages sent over WhatsApp, Signal or other messaging services.
- Any documents mentioning methane, no additional warming, Global Warming Potential or GWP* and referring to Ireland, the Irish Government, the Irish Embassy, representatives of the Irish Government, members (Teachta Dála) of the Irish Parliament (Dáil Éireann), or officials working for the Irish Government, including but not limited to documents, advice, agendas, minutes, or meeting notes.
- Any correspondence between the Ministry for the Environment or its employees and The Teagasc Authority or Teagasc, including but not limited to emails, letters, notes, voice notes, text messages and messages sent over WhatsApp, Signal or other messaging services.
- Any documents referencing The Teagasc Authority or Teagasc, including but not limited to documents, advice, agendas, minutes, or meeting notes.
- Any correspondence with representatives of other foreign governments mentioning methane, no additional warming, Global Warming Potential or GWP*. Including but not limited to emails, letters, notes, voice notes, text messages and messages sent over WhatsApp, Signal or other messaging services.

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 has no contact with foreign governments, including the Government of Ireland, either broadly or specifically concerning methane or global warming potential.

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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