



OIAD-1511

3 April 2025

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Can I please request the following information under the Official Information Act. - Does your organisation offer any health insurance benefits to your staff, where the agency contributes financially? - Can you summarise what you offer? - Can you provide a percentage of staff which have taken up the offer broken out by year from 2014 to present. - If there are factors which may have impacted rates - e.g. a new offer, please provide context.*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) does not make any financial contributions towards the health insurance benefits of any staff. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

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](http://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](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tracey Kaio', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Tracey Kaio,**  
General Manager - People and Capability  
Ministry for the Environment | Manatū Mō Te Taiao