



21 July 2025

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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 7 July 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) of the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry):

Under the Official Information Act 1982, I request the following information from the Ministry for the Environment:

- 1. Has the Ministry sought, received, or commissioned any independent expert advice over the past five years regarding glyphosate-based herbicides and their potential impacts on human health or the environment? Please provide relevant summaries, correspondence, or documents (excluding personal details).*
- 2. Has the Ministry considered or been briefed on any disproportionate impacts of glyphosate-based herbicide exposure on Māori, rural workers, or other potentially more exposed or vulnerable communities over the past five years? If so, please provide copies or summaries of any relevant documents, correspondence, or internal briefings.*

In our response to your previous request submitted under the Act (OIAD-1634 refers), the Ministry provided the only relevant document that we had received or held, which is a report titled 'Carcinogenic effects of long-term exposure from prenatal life to glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicides in Sprague–Dawley rats' and is publicly available at:

<https://ehjournal.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12940-025-01187-2>.

The Ministry has not sought any independent expert advice, and we do not hold any relevant documents, correspondence, or internal briefings. As the information requested is not held by our agency, I must therefore refuse this request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found 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 shortly after the response has been sent on our website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/>. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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