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s 9(2)(a)

Leader of the Opposition (Simon Bridges)

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 28 January 2020 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- Any information on baseline reviews or reviews of expenditure since Budget 2019.

I'm specifically wanting any information on any requests from Treasury or Ministers to review baseline expenditure or savings in Votes.

The Ministry for the Environment is refusing your request under section 19(e) of the Act because we have not identified any documents that fall within the scope of your request. We have interpreted the scope of your request to mean there have been no formal baseline reviews undertaken either internally or externally.

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 Executive Relations team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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