



OIAD-1021

22 April 2024

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Dear 9(2)a

Thank you for your email of 21 March 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*...I am completing a 9(2)a  
relations with the Gulf in the 21st century. 1.*

*All briefings, memos and other key documents not already publicly available in relation to the visit to New Zealand in August 2018 by the then UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment, Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al-Zeyoudi (relevant news story: <https://www.ipsnews.net/2018/08/minister-climate-change-leads-uae-delegation-official-visit-australia-new-zealand/>)*

The Ministry has interpreted the scope of your request to be documents that specifically relate to Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al-Zeyoudi's visit to New Zealand in August 2018.

The Ministry has searched its information system and found no documents within scope. Therefore, the Ministry is refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts, cannot be found.

You may wish to consider contacting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as they may hold information relating to your request.

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 read 'Danielle Ryan', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Danielle Ryan**

Manager, Ministerial Services

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