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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 12 August 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"Please confirm that atmospheric spraying commonly known as "chemtrails" is being undertaken in New Zealand skies? If the answer is YES, please confirm what substances are being used for this purpose."

The Ministry for the Environment does not have any information relating to atmospheric spraying and has no reason to believe that such spraying is occurring.

We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information 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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