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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 4 September 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Information supporting the allocative baseline calculations for tomato growing in 2010 and proposed in 2024

The Ministry for the Environment has identified three documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached **Table 1: Document Table**. I am refusing one of these documents in full under section 18(d), as it is publicly available on the Electricity Authority website at: [ea.govt.nz/documents/5348/Determination_of_the_2024_Electricity_Allocation_Factor.pdf](https://www.ea.govt.nz/documents/5348/Determination_of_the_2024_Electricity_Allocation_Factor.pdf).

Document two contains a substantial amount of information that is unrelated to growing tomatoes and therefore not in scope of your request. As such, I am releasing the relevant information from this document to you as an extract, as allowable under section 16(1)(e) of the Act.

Documents one and two are being released to you in part, with some information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

I am also releasing to you a list of the tomato growers who submitted data for industrial allocation updates in 2023 and 2024. This list is attached as **Table 2**.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

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Table 1: Document table

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	October 2010	PWC – Production of Fresh Tomatoes: report on eligibility threshold, proposed allocative baseline and areas of risk	Release in part	9(2)(b)(ii)
2	April 2024	PWC – New Zealand ETS Industrial Allocation Data Collection 2023	Release extract in part	16(1)(e) 9(2)(b)(ii)
3	2024	Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko - Determination of the 2024 Electricity Allocation Factor	Refuse	18(d)

Table 2: Tomato growers who submitted data for industrial allocation updates in 2023 and 2024

A1 Toms	J&J Tomatoes	NZ Fresh Floria
Ahns Farm	J.S. Ewers	NZ Hothouse
Castle Rock Orchard	Jai Shankar Growers	PH Kinsett
Dhindsa Farm	Kakanui Tomatoes	Packgard Growers
F & B Abma Trust	Karamea Tomatoes	Pomoana
Gourmet Mokai	Lycopene Fresh Vegefruit	Rosy Red Produce
Gourmet Paprika	M K Bhoondpal	T&G Global
Hanna Hothouse	MJ Fresh	Tiny Toms
Indus Agro Farms NZ	New Sun Farm	Vege Fresh Growers