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Thank you for your email of 1 October 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could I please request this information for the last four years.

How many complaints of bullying have been made within the Ministry for the Environment, broken down by year, and how many of those were substantiated?

How many complaints of harassment have been made within the Ministry for the Environment, broken down by year, and how many of those were substantiated?

How many complaints of sexual harassment have been made within the Ministry for the Environment, broken down by year, and how many of those were substantiated?

How many complaints of sexual assault have been made within the Ministry for the Environment, broken down by year, and how many of those were substantiated?

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) responds to each of your questions below.

1. How many complaints of bullying have been made within the Ministry for the Environment, broken down by year and how many of those were substantiated?

The Ministry can confirm there was one case of this nature during this period. This complaint was made during the 2020/2021 financial year and after an investigation was found to be substantiated.

2. How many complaints of harassment have been made within the Ministry for the Environment, broken down by year, and how many of those were substantiated?

The Ministry can confirm there were no cases of this nature during this period.

3. How many complaints of sexual harassment have been made within the Ministry for the Environment, broken down by year, and how many of those were substantiated?

The Ministry can confirm there were no cases of this nature during this period.

4. How many complaints of sexual assault have been made within the Ministry for the Environment, broken down by year, and how many of those were substantiated?

The Ministry can confirm there were no cases of this nature during this period.

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 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.

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Electronically approved

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