



13 December 2024

OIAD-1397

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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 20 November 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to request, under the Official Information Act, any correspondence (including electronic messages, texts, phone calls) between the Ministry of the Environment and Fortescue in the month of October 2024.

I would also like to request, in full word-searchable format, under the Official Information Act, any minutes, documentation, briefings or content (electronic or not) related to sustainable aviation fuel's role in decarbonising hard to abate industries and New Zealand aviation.

The Ministry is refusing the part of your request for “any correspondence (including electronic messages, texts, phone calls) between the Ministry of the Environment and Fortescue in the month of October 2024...” under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist. The Ministry does not hold any correspondence with Fortescue for the month of October 2024.

The Ministry is transferring the part of your request for information regarding “...any minutes, documentation, briefings or content (electronic or not) related to sustainable aviation fuel's role in decarbonising hard to abate industries and New Zealand aviation...” to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), under section 14 of the Act, as this part of your request relates more closely to the functions of MBIE. You will hear further from MBIE regarding this point of your request.

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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