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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 4 November 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Can you please provide me with a breakdown, year by year, of how much money New Zealand has paid out, since 2008 when the Emissions Trading Scheme came into practice, on overseas carbon credits?

Your request has been refused under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and there are no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department, Minister, or organisation.

The Government does not hold information on the price of New Zealand Units (NZUs) or international units that were traded in the ETS, or the price of NZ-issued Kyoto units that were traded offshore. This is because trading occurs between private persons or entities.

You may be interested in the NZ Emissions Trading Register, which has information on the units transfers by year. This can be accessed at: emissionsregister.govt.nz/Common/InformationReports.aspx. Note that the register does not contain data on prices.

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

Electronically approved by Lisa Daniell

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