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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your letter of 17 May 2021, transferred in part to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment on 9 June 2021, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

3. The 9(2)(a) Board requests under the Official Information Act 1982 information held by the Crown relating to the transfer of the Refinery assets by the Crown to RNZ in the 1980's, including but not limited to:
 - c. information relating to ongoing responsibility for the land on which the Refinery sits including decontamination following any closure of the Refinery.

The transfer of the Marsden Point Refinery assets by the Government into private ownership was not carried out by the Ministry. The Ministry does not hold any information regarding the transfer, or the conditions imposed with the transfer, which could include *ongoing responsibility for the land on which the Refinery sits including decontamination following any closure of the Refinery*.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and the Ministry have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another agency.

Land Information New Zealand have advised that they do not hold this information either and much of the information requested will be available for research at Archives New Zealand.

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.

Yours sincerely

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