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Thank you for your email of 27 July 2023 to the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. What cloud seeding or geoengineering or any other methods to alter the weather or weather conditions, clouds, sun light, etc was done during the months of December 2022 through to end of February 2023? Please include the times, dates, all products used, volumes, and locations during this period.*
- 2. Who determines the program for the use of cloud seeding and geoengineering or weather modification and which locations will be targeted? The person's title, name, and department/organisation.*
- 3. Who and what organisation/department determines the quantities and the products used for cloud seeding and geoengineering or any other products to alter the weather or weather conditions, clouds, sun light, etc? The person's title, name, and department/organisation.*
- 4. Who at a Government level has the authority to sign off the budget and financial allocation for the use of cloud seeding or geoengineering products, and or any other methods to alter the weather or weather conditions, clouds, sun light, etc? The person's title, name, and department/organisation.*
- 5. How much was spent or allocated by the New Zealand government or a government department/organisation for the December 2022 through to end of February 2023 on Cloud-Seeding or Geoengineering technologies or any other products and methods to alter the weather or weather conditions, clouds, sun light, etc?*
- 6. What is the program for the months of June 2023 through to end of December 2023 for cloud seeding and geoengineering or any other methods to alter the weather or weather conditions, clouds, sun light, etc? Please include the budget allocated, times, dates, all products, and volumes to be used, and locations during this period.*

On 2 August 2023, DIA transferred your request to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) under section 14(b)(i) of the Act.

There is no evidence to support the occurrence of cloud seeding, geoengineering, or any other weather modification methods by the New Zealand Government. I must therefore refuse your request in full under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Ministry and I have no reason to believe it is held by another agency.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions 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.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sophie Heighway', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sophie Heighway
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