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Dear 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2021 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

all records (including but not limited to formal policy papers, memos, minutes and emails) concerning whether and how dietary change (such as reducing meat and dairy consumption) forms part of Aotearoa/New Zealand's climate change policy and internationally-agreed climate change targets.

Your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist. The Ministry does not hold any information on how dietary change informs New Zealand's climate change policy and/or climate change targets.

Most of New Zealand's food production emissions are going into exports. At this time, it is unlikely dietary change would have a significant effect on New Zealand meeting its emissions targets. As such, the Ministry does not have any active work in this area.

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 Mark Storey

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