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Thank you for your email of 5 March 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to request copies of all emails, briefings and documents that discuss the work of economist Tim Helm, since 1 January 2023 to the present day. For clarity, this includes both internal documents and anything sent from the agency.

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) is refusing your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act, as it does not hold the requested information, and has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

While the Ministry does not believe the particular information requested is held elsewhere, you may wish to contact the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Internal Affairs, or the Treasury. They may hold information similar to that which you have requested.

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

Nāku noa, nā,

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