



17 September 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 28 August 2019, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), seeking:

"a copy of all advice the Ministry has sent or received regarding the use of glyphosate for weed control on New Zealand roads. I would expect this to include all briefings and aides memoire the Ministry has sent to or received from other government departments. I would also expect this to include all information on these matters the Ministry has sent or received from ministers and/or their offices including the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and their offices".

We have searched the correspondence of the Ministry and have found no information within scope of your request.

We are therefore refusing your request in reliance on section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint about the withholding of information to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you will be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing, we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Yours sincerely

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