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25 September 2024

Tēnā koe

I refer to your email dated 10 August 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Please provide any and all information known or held by your department in any and all formats, including, but not limited to, documents, draft documents, reports, memos, letters, notes, electronic communications, transcripts, visual presentations, photography, and video/audio recordings containing information pertaining to geo-engineering, weather modification and Solar Radiation Management/Mitigation (SRM) with particular emphasis on cloud seeding, marine cloud brightening/engineering/seeding and Stratospheric Aerosol Injection (SAI).

Additionally, please provide any and all information known or held by your department in any and all formats, including, but not limited to, documents, draft documents, reports, memos, letters, notes, electronic communications, transcripts, visual presentations, photography, and video/audio recordings containing information pertaining to barium, nano aluminium-coated fibreglass (known as chaff), radioactive thorium, cadmium, chromium, copper sulphate, nickel, strontium, graphene, desiccated blood, mould spores, yellow fungal mycotoxins, ethylene dibromide and polymer fibres with relation to their uses, or potential uses, in geo-engineering, weather modification, Solar Radiation Management/Mitigation, cloud seeding and Stratospheric Aerosol Injection.

And Finally, please provide any and all information known or held by your department in any and all formats, including, but not limited to, documents, draft documents, reports, memos, letters, notes, electronic communications, transcripts, visual presentations, photography, and video/audio recordings containing information pertaining to any mention of smart particles, nano machines, nano aerosols, nano-particulates or nano-sized aluminium particles with relationship, if any, to geo-engineering, weather modification, Solar Radiation Management/Mitigation, cloud seeding and Stratospheric Aerosol Injection.”

on 11 September 2024, we reached out to you to clarify the scope of the request:

*“We’d like to reach out to confirm the scope of your OIA request.
During our consultation process we have been advised that you have requested the same information from NIWA and have recently refined the scope of your request to :*

"all information your department has on Cloud Seeding, Stratospheric Aerosol Injection, Solar Radiation Management and Cloud Brightening".

<https://fyi.org.nz/request/27988-official-information-request-to-the-national-institute-of-water-and-atmospheric-research-regarding-the-phenomenon-of-geo-engineering-weather-modification-and-cloud-seeding#outgoing-46162>

Currently, the Ministry of Transport only holds information related to marine engineering. Based on this information, we want to confirm if you are interested in continuing with your request and receiving this information"

On 15 September 2024, you emailed the Ministry clarifying the scope of your request by noting that:

"In your ministry's response, you state: "Currently, the Ministry of Transport only holds information related to marine engineering."

I assume that this is quite literally to do with the mechanical operation of maritime vehicles and infrastructure? I'm not at all interested in that. I'm looking for any information the Ministry of Transport may hold on Stratospheric Aerosol Injection, Marine Cloud Brightening, Solar Radiation Management and Cloud Seeding.

Please provide any information the ministry may have on these above listed topics".

We further advised via email that the Ministry does not hold any information related to "Stratospheric Aerosol Injection, Marine Cloud Brightening, Solar Radiation Management and Cloud Seeding", and that the only documents we have pertain specifically to Ocean Fertilisation.

We are now responding to your request in accordance with what we advised via previous correspondence.

I am refusing your request under the following section of the Act:

18(e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

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

Nāku noa, nā



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