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Official Information Act Request

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 13 August 2020, in which you asked, in relation to your previous request, for the following information:

1. *"Please provide a copy of the search terms used to identify the documents gathered for consideration for release, and describe any other process used to identify relevant documents."*
2. *"Please review those search terms and the EPA's holdings of potentially relevant documents for additional ones that could be in scope."*

Your request has been treated as a new request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Search terms

In our previous response, we searched within our document management system and staff email inboxes for files containing the term "dsRNA". However, in this case we should have searched "all sites", that is, other systems in addition to our document management system.

Using the search term "dsRNA" we have searched all our data storage systems for documents relevant to your request.

Additional documents

Please see Table 1 for a list of documents located by our wider search that we are releasing to you. We have redacted information that is out of scope of your request.

Table 2 lists documents located by our wider search that have been redacted or withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the OIA to maintain legal professional privilege.

I do not consider that, in the circumstances of this particular case, the withholding of these documents is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the documents available.

Documents withheld from your previous request

In your email of 13 August 2020, you also asked:

"if there are in fact any withheld documents and their title"

I can advise that 26 documents subject to legal professional privilege were withheld from our response to your previous request. However, to maintain legal professional privilege, I am refusing your request for the titles of these documents under section 9(2)(h) of the OIA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. You can contact the Ombudsman on 0800 802 602, or by email at info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via ministerials@epa.govt.nz.

We will publish your request and our response on our website, www.epa.govt.nz, within 10 working days from today. We make OIA responses available so others can read more about the work we do and the questions we are asked. Any information that might identify you will be removed to protect your privacy.

Yours sincerely



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Table 1 – Released with out of scope material redacted

No	File names
1.	HSNO Committee Minutes of Meeting of 20 May 2020 -Draft Final_Redacted.pdf
2.	2019_September_-_Item_17_-_Monthly Performance_Dashboard_Redacted.pdf
3.	8 - HSNO_update_report_November_2019_Redacted.pdf
4.	9 - HSNO_update_report_October_2019_Redacted.pdf
5.	8 - HSNO_update_report_18 February_2020_Redacted.pdf
6.	2019_October_-_Item_13_-_OUR_Report_-_31 August 2019_Appendix_1_Redacted.pdf
7.	Quarterly_Performance_Report_to_the_Minister_for_Q2_2019-20_Redacted.pdf
8.	2019_September_-_Item_12_-_OUR_Report_-_31 July 2019 Final_Redacted.pdf

Table 2 – Redacted/withheld under s 9(2)(h) to protect legal privilege

No	File name
9.	8 - HSNO Update Report 20 May 2020_redacted.pdf
10.	Legal advice (withheld)

