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Via: ██████████@hotmail.com

Official Information Act Request

Dear ██████████

I refer to your request received on (date), for the following information:

“Could I please request a summary of central Government investment in biochar research, development, trials and feasibility or pre-feasibility studies or biochar projects between 2008 and 2020, inclusive? This is a request under the Official Information Act.

More specifically, could the summary please include:

- *The organisation that the funding was allocated to (e.g. research institutes, Trusts, incorporations and iwi bodies)*
- *The date(s) of investment allocation to the organisation*
- *The amount(s) of the allocation(s)*
- *The purpose or objective of the investment(s)*

If multiple allocations were made to the same organisation, but with different purposes, could these individual allocations please be itemised separately?

If available, I would also appreciate a hyperlink to any summaries of outcomes of the investment(s), if these outcomes had already been published in the public domain, but I'm happy to do that research myself if I can be pointed to the relevant organisations.”

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

I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

The reason is that the Environmental Protection Authority does not fund research, therefore we have made no investments into biochar research.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Philip Lim".

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