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### Official Information Act Request

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your email of 16 September 2020, in which you asked for the tonnages of e-waste exported from New Zealand over the past five years, a summary table of the volumes (tonnage) that we have exported for recycling or other purposes between 2015 and 2020, and a breakdown on the different types of e-waste exported.

The EPA does not hold any statistics on the total amount of e-waste that is exported, other than e-waste that is exported as hazardous waste. A permit from the EPA is required for hazardous waste exports, and this information is reported to the Secretariat of Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. These reports are quite detailed and report on the exports of hazardous wastes by category. Please see below links for the Basel Reports from 2015 to 2018.

<http://www.basel.int/Countries/NationalReporting/NationalReports/BC2015Reports/tabid/5384/Default.aspx> (See Table 6 of the New Zealand report)

<http://www.basel.int/Countries/NationalReporting/NationalReports/BC2016Reports/tabid/6145/Default.aspx> (See Table 4 of the New Zealand report)

<http://www.basel.int/Countries/NationalReporting/NationalReports/BC2017Reports/tabid/7749/Default.aspx> (See Table 4 of the New Zealand report)

<http://www.basel.int/Countries/NationalReporting/NationalReports/BC2018Reports/tabid/8202/Default.aspx> (See Table 4 of the New Zealand report)

The Y Codes in these tables list the various categories of wastes to be controlled. These may be found in Annexes I and II of the Basel Convention. The H Codes list hazardous characteristics. These may be found in Annex III. And the D and R Codes list disposal operations. These may be found in Annex IV.

A complete copy of the Basel Convention Text, including Annexes, may be found here:

<http://www.basel.int/Portals/4/download.aspx?d=UNEP-CHW-IMPL-CONVTEXT.English.pdf>

The Basel Report for 2019 has not yet been finalised, but this is expected to happen later this month. The figures for 2020 will not be available until next year.

We hope this information is helpful. 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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz).

We will publish your request and our response on our website <http://www.epa.govt.nz> within 10 working days. We make Official Information Act 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 black ink, appearing to read 'C Ehlers', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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