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## Official Information Act Request

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request received on 14 August 2020, for the following information:

*"Of the number of NZUs for the quarters 2019/2020\_Q3 & 2019/2020\_Q4 together totalling approximately 8.4 million (to the nearest 0.1 million), how many of the NZUs (to the nearest 0.1 million) relate to:*

- NZUs applied for in advance at the beginning of the 2020 calendar year, and
- NZUs applied for in arrears after the 2019 calendar year was completed."

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

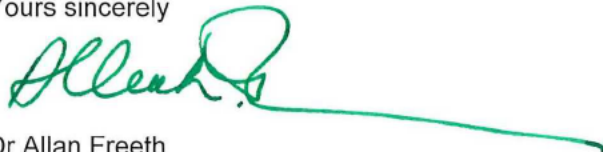
This information is being withheld under s 9(2)(ba), and in accordance with s 52(3)(b) of the OIA, having regard to the obligation to maintain confidentiality under s 99 of the Climate Change Response Act 2002 (CCRA). The withheld information is subject to an obligation of confidence imposed by s 99 of the CCRA as the information relates to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) performing functions or exercising powers under the Emissions Trading Scheme participant provisions. Section 52(3)(b) of the OIA provides that the OIA does not derogate from provisions contained in any other Act which impose a prohibition or restriction on the availability of official information.

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, [www.epa.govt.nz](http://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 identifying information will be removed to protect your privacy.

Yours sincerely



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**Environmental Protection Authority**