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Dear Mr Murphy

I refer to your request, received on 11 July 2019, to Dr Fiona Thomson-Carter at the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). Your request relates to the information we previously provided to you, in October 2018, about the past ten years of reassessments initiated by the Chief Executive.

Your request, which has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), is for:

- *An updated table to that provided in October 2018*
- *The table [to] be amended to identify the Chief Executive that initiated it.*

The attached table responds to both parts of your request. It updates the previous table that we provided to you, and it includes a column showing the name of the Chief Executive (CE) at the time of lodgement.

The EPA is refreshing its reassessment programme, which includes a new, internationally peer reviewed method to prioritise chemicals for reassessment. We have also screened over 700 chemicals to ensure that the chemicals the EPA chooses to reassess are those that are most in need of review. This screening culminated in a 'priority chemical list' of 39 chemicals. You can find out about our reassessment programme, including the opportunity to sign up for newsletters which will keep you up to date with progress, at the following link: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/industry-areas/hazardous-substances/chemical-reassessment-programme/>.

We have recently determined that there are grounds to reassess 11 synthetic pyrethroid insecticides, including 9 from the priority chemical list, and we are currently evaluating the responses received following a public call for information. This reassessment has not been included in the table (above) as the application has not yet been lodged. You can find more information about this at: <https://www.epa.govt.nz/public-consultations/in-progress/call-for-information-on-synthetic-pyrethroids/>

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.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Initiated Reassessments 2008 - 2019

Year lodged	Year completed	Chemicals	Approvals covered	Number of reassessments	Type	CE at the time of lodgement
2017	Ongoing	Paraquat	6	1	Full	Dr Allan Freeth
2014	2017	Chlorothalonil	5	4	Full	Rob Forlong
	2016	Chlorpyrifos, diazinon carbaryl	19		Full	Rob Forlong
	2015	Dichlorvos	6		Full	Rob Forlong
	2015	OPCs (5 different active ingredients)	15		Modified	Rob Forlong
2011	2013	Anti-fouling paints	60	2	Full	Rob Forlong
	2013	OPCs	88		Full	Rob Forlong
2010	2011	Quintozene	1	1	Full	Rob Forlong
2009	2010	LPG	4	1	Modified	Rob Forlong
2008	2011	Trichlorfon	1	2	Full	Rob Forlong
	2009	Explosives	65		Modified	Rob Forlong

In this table, 'year lodged' is the year in which a reassessment is first lodged as an application in our records management system. The application is formally signed off by the Chief Executive at a later date, just before public consultation (this is known as 'formal receipt' of the application).

For the chlorpyrifos, diazinon carbaryl reassessment, the application was lodged when Rob Forlong was the Chief Executive, but it was formally signed off by James Palmer, who was the Acting Chief Executive before Dr Allan Freeth became Chief Executive. For the chlorothalonil reassessment, the application was lodged when Rob Forlong was Chief Executive and was formally signed off by Dr Allan Freeth.