


Reference: 20220412

10 October 2022



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 21 September 2022.
You requested:

I'm writing to obtain an email I wrote when I was a Treasury staff member working in a team at the time called "Natural Resources", to Professor Jacinta Ruru of Otago University. It would have been in 2016 or 2017. The email enquired about Professor Ruru's approach to analysing policy questions on allocation of natural resources. I would also like to obtain any response sent by Professor Ruru to the email address . Is it possible to do a targeted search for the email/email exchange? It might not have been saved, so you might not hold it. If it is going to involve a significant amount of time to find, please let me know and I could withdraw the request. I leave it up to you to determine whether this is a Privacy Act request or Official Information Act request.

Despite Treasury's best efforts to find and locate the requested email/email exchange, we have been unable to do so. Accordingly, I have refused the request for this information under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act – the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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Manager - Natural Resources