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Tēnā koe Steven

Thank you for your email on 3 April 2023 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- *all texts, emails, documents, meeting notes and other communication relating to NIWA's Cliflo database dating back to Jan 1 2018.*
- *Please search key words*
 - *Cliflo*
 - *extreme weather*
 - *Ian Wishart's Climate of fear report*
 - *Temperature record*
 - *New Zealand Climate Science Coalition*
- *Please also provide any all texts, emails, documents, meeting notes and other communication relating to the Our Atmosphere and Climate 2020 report that mention extreme weather records.*
- *I am seeking to understand if the Ministry of Research, Science and Innovation has taken any steps to improve the database since being warned by MfE it is insufficient for accurate projections.*

I have identified one document that is within the scope of your request. This is set out below, together with information about what is being released and why any information has been withheld:

#	Date	Description/Title	Information released	Grounds for withholding information
1	April 2022	Email: Advice request: NIWA and access to climate data	Released in part	9(2)(a)

Additionally, a report on the Scientific Collections and Databases Review is available on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) website so is not included. On the New Zealand Parliament website there are number of written parliamentary questions and answers submitted in March 2023 that are within scope of your request (PQ 5049, 5571, 5573, 5574 and 5883).

Papers relating to your request can be found at the end of this letter. I trust you find the information helpful. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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