

# Hon Penny Simmonds

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Eve Hyslop

fyi-request-25569-8bbd46b9@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Eve Hyslop

Thank you for your email of 30 January 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I request to know how much plastic waste is produced annually by the agriculture sector (in tonnes) for the year 2023 or 2022. I request that this be categorized into items such as containers, bale net, bale wrap etcetera and how much waste (in tonnes) they contribute annually to the total amount.

The information you request is not collected by any government agency or reported on by the agricultural sector. Accordingly, I must refuse your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is not held and it is not considered likely to be held by another official or agency.

Agrecovery has conducted a Farm Plastics Project which seeks to develop a product stewardship scheme for the collection and treatment of farm plastics. You may be interested in the information they have available on their website which can be found at the below links:

[Agrecovery | Priority Products Projects | 2020](#)

[Farm-Plastics-Materials-Flow-Analysis-web.pdf \(agrecovery.co.nz\)](#)

[Farm Plastics Consultation \(agrecovery.co.nz\)](#)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision to withhold information relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on their website at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please contact my office if you have any queries about this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Penny Simmonds'.

Hon. Penny SIMMONDS  
**Minister for the Environment**