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Dear Peter

I refer to your request for information received by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) on 19 September 2018, following the response you received for your previous request for information for the past five years of reassessments initiated by the Chief Executive. Your follow-up request was for the following information:

*“Can I please request that you provide an updated table of the last 10 years of Hazardous Substance reassessments initiated by the Chief Executive? Could the year an application is formally initiated be the basis of the table? As Dr Freeth joined the organization in 2015, could this year be separated into reassessments that were initiated prior to September 2015, and those initiated after September 2015.*

Your request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). Please find below a table displaying the Hazardous Substances Reassessments initiated by the Chief Executive over the past 10 calendar years. As no reassessments were initiated in 2015, this year has not been split into reassessments initiated prior to and post September 2015 as requested.

**Table of Chief Executive Initiated Reassessments 2008 - 2018**

Year lodged	Year completed	Chemicals	Approvals covered	Number of reassessments	Type
2018	-	-	-	-	-
2017	Ongoing	Paraquat	6	1	Full
2016	-	-	-	-	-
2015	-	-	-	-	-
2014	2017	Chlorothanolil	5	4	Full
	2016	Chlorpyrifos, diazinon carbyrl	19		Full
	2015	Dichlorvos	6		Full
	2015	OPCs (5 different active ingredients)	15		Modified

2013	-	-	-	-	-
2012	-	-	-	-	-
2011	2013	Anti-fouling paints	60	2	Full
	2013	OPCs	88		Full
2010	2011	Quintozene	1	1	Full
2009	2010	LPG	4	1	Modified
2008	2011	Trichlorfon	1	2	Full
	2009	Explosives	65		Modified

On 15 October 2018, the EPA announced its Priority Chemical List for Reassessment. This is a list of around 40 chemicals that require review and scrutiny. More information on the priority chemical list can be found on the EPA website using the following link:

<https://www.epa.govt.nz/industry-areas/hazardous-substances/chemical-reassessment-programme/priority-chemicals-list>

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via [ministerials@epa.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@epa.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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