

27 February 2023

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OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 7 February 2023 for:

- *Please detail each annual carbon travel limit Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women (MfW) has, including those for full-time staff, part-time staff, casual staff, contractors and consultants.*
- *In the past 12 months (1 February 2022 to 1 February 2023), how many of the MfW carbon travel limits were reached, if any?*
- *If any carbon travel limits were reached, when were they reached (e.g. August 31, 2022, 4 months before the annual period ended)?*
- *If any carbon travel limits were reached, how much travel is recorded after the day they were reached within the annual period (e.g. 54 kilometres of travel were recorded over the annual limit in 2022)?*
- *What changes are implemented if a carbon travel limit is reached?*
- *When were carbon travel limits introduced for MfW?*
- *How many years, since carbon travel limits were introduced, has MfW recorded travel in excess of the annual limit?*

Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women does not have set annual carbon travel limits. As such, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information does not exist.

It is worth noting, however, that, in line with the Carbon Neutral Government Programme, the Ministry has been working with Toitū Envirocare to collect data to report carbon emissions for the past four years.

Data on emissions, broken down by financial year, can be found in our 2021/22 Annual Review on page 41:

https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCSS_EVI_127452_SS5239/f305faef1e966e9c3f54f6ae3354227074c76550

The Ministry is developing an emission mitigation plan and assessing what climate risks, if any, would impact the Ministry's work. The Ministry has set reduction targets aligned with the Carbon Neutral Government Programme to reach emissions of 105 tonnes by 2025 (a 21 percent reduction) and 77 tonnes by 2030 (a 42 percent reduction) compared to our baseline of 133 tonnes from 2018/19.

As our main source of carbon emissions has been from travel our reduction plan is centred around minimising travel-related emissions. We will establish a travel emissions budget, which members of the leadership team will manage alongside their financial travel budget.

You may also be interested in the information on the Ministry's carbon footprint and reduction plan, contained in our most recent Annual Report. You can find this on page 34 and 35 of the Manatū Wāhine Ministry for Women's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2022, available here:

https://women.govt.nz/sites/public_files/Ministry-for-Women-Annual-Report-2022_1.PDF

Please note that this response, with your personal details redacted, may be published on the Ministry's website. If you have any concerns or comments related to this, please let us know by emailing ministerialservicing@women.govt.nz, within two weeks of the date of this letter.

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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