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Tēnā koe

Official Information Act request

Thank you for your email of 6 November 2024, requesting information about the Carbon Neutral Government Program (CNGP) targets.

I have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Please find my decision on each part of your request set out separately below.

- *Is your agencies continuing to pursue the carbon neutral public service targets? If so, please provide any documents showing how this is implemented.*

The Ministry is continuing to pursue the CNGP targets. Our implementation approach and progress are reported in our annual reports, which can be found here:

- www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/corporate/annual-report/2022/annual-report-2021-2022.pdf
page 141.
- www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/corporate/annual-report/2023/msd-annual-report-2023.pdf,
page 51.
- www.msd.govt.nz/documents/about-msd-and-our-work/publications-resources/corporate/annual-report/2024/msd-annual-report-2024.pdf
page 48.
- *The total spend on this target, broken down by year since the targets were implemented (including but not limited to internal staff numbers, external spend, capital spend and offset spend)?*

The Ministry's emission reduction initiatives focus on our top four emissions sources, which are energy, travel, postage and fleet. Expenditure on energy, travel and postage initiatives are part of business-as-usual activities and are not tracked separately.

The Ministry began a programme to optimise its fleet and transition towards electric vehicles financial year 2022-2023. The Ministry has transitioned approximately 28% of the Ministry's fleet to electric vehicles by procuring and deploying 111 electric vehicles and installing 177 electric vehicle chargers at 51

sites across the country. This initiative has also reduced vehicles in the fleet from 489 in 2021 to 399 vehicles in November 2024.

The Ministry received \$3.4million of co-funding from the State Sector Carbonisation Fund (SSDF) managed by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) for the purchase of 111 battery electric vehicles and the installation of 22 chargers.

You can find information about vehicles purchased during financial year 2022-2023 (page 24) and financial year 2023-2024 (page 19) at the following links:

- www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCSSC_EVI_b9ae0553-7cfa-4166-4a99-08dbfb701e36_SSC555/73b1dabf5be7391633b0cebc1ca4e31eef4b1efb
- https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCSSC_EVI_33d5c557-0bed-4c27-6fe1-08dcebf31e9f_SSC10702/a56bac96c94d03a5663aa589a3bef8620fe61b9d

For 2024-2025, capital funding has been allocated for vehicle replacement including the procurement of three electric vehicles.

We are developing a five-year fleet capital plan and ongoing fleet development activity by June 2025.

During the financial year 2023-2024, approximately \$100,000 has been saved on fuel and maintenance due to the Ministry's fleet reduction programme.

Cost savings over the next 5 years due to reduced use of petrol/diesel (minus the increase in electric vehicle electricity use) is estimated to be approximately \$300,000 from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2027. Savings beyond 2027 will depend on the nature of the fleet. Changes in maintenance costs of electric vehicles are currently unknown.

- *Total EV's brought since the targets were implemented broken down by year? Please provide notes on types of cars.*

Vehicles purchased during the financial years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 are reported in the Annual Review of the Ministry of Social Development's Responses to Written Questions, here:

- https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/53SCSS_EVI_127528_SS5240/5bb09bc1a83e5bd3396f8d0b9f92fb86e85e984d. Pages 24-25 and Appendix 3.
- www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCSSC_EVI_b9ae0553-7cfa-4166-4a99-08dbfb701e36_SSC555/73b1dabf5be7391633b0cebc1ca4e31eef4b1efb. Page 23-24 and page 91.

2021-22: Total fleet size 489

- 229 hybrids
- 259 petrol
- 1 diesel

2022-23c: Total fleet size 487

- 11 BEVs
- 228 hybrids

- 247 petrol
- 1 diesel

2023-24: Total fleet size 474

- 14 BEVs
- 227 hybrids
- 232 petrol
- 1 diesel

2024-25: Total fleet size 399 (Nov 2024)

- 111 BEVs
- 222 hybrids
- 65 petrol
- 1 diesel

As at 30 June 2023, the Ministry has no plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. All the electric vehicles are battery electric vehicles. Details of the make and models of the vehicles can be found at the above links.

During the financial year 2023-2024, only one vehicle was purchased which was an electric vehicle.

- *Total spent on agency emissions inventories by year since implementation.*

The Ministry was first required to report its emissions in the financial year 2020 - 2021, as a Tranche One CNGP organisation.

For the financial year 2021-2022 the total cost for the verification of emissions inventory was \$50,623. The total cost for the development and verification of the of emissions inventory for the financial year 2022-2023 was \$59,238,20. The total costs for the verification of the emissions inventory for the financial year 2023-2024 was \$10,488.

- *Please provide the most recent inventory.*

The Ministry's most recent emissions inventory was published on page 49 of the financial year 2023-2024 Annual Report, which was shared with you in response to question one.

- *How much is spent on voluntary carbon offsets? (Not the ETS). Please provide information on consultants for this and the total offsets.*

No money was spent on voluntary carbon offsets. The Ministry does not offset emissions and has not done so since our emissions reduction targets were set in 2022. As such, there were no consultants for this.

- *Any consideration or actions involving Agricultural emissions.*

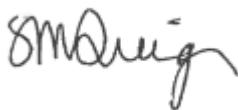
The Ministry's emissions do not include agricultural emissions.

I will be publishing this decision letter, with your personal details deleted, on the Ministry's website in due course.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with my decision on your request regarding the Carbon Neutral Government Targets program, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

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