

21 March 2025

Tēnā koe

Official Information Act Request,

Thank you for your email of 4 March 2025, requesting information about the Ministry of Social Development's (the Ministry) vehicle fleet and the Carbon Neutral Government Programme.

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

1. Number of vehicles in your agency's light fleet as at 1 March 2025. Please include owned and leased vehicles.

There are 398 light vehicles in the Ministry fleet as of 1 March 2025. All Ministry vehicles are owned and there are no leased vehicles in the fleet.

2. What action your agency has taken to reduce vehicles in your fleet.

The Ministry fleet has reduced from 489 light vehicles in 2021 to 398 as of 1 March 2025. The Ministry continues to review our vehicle usage with the goal of further reducing the fleet size. This includes consideration of alternatives to fleet car use.

In July 2024, the Ministry published its updated Travel and Transport Policy which strengthens the policy settings around the fleet operation as a shared pool and usage of vehicles. The Ministry is also currently implementing a new fleet booking system which will enable to the fleet to operate more effectively as a shared pool.

3. Whether your agency's vehicles has GPS telematics installed, and if so, what proportion of the fleet has telematics.

All Ministry vehicles have GPS telematics installed.

4. Whether your agency has received State Sector Decarbonation Fund cofunding for a fleet audit and/or a fleet optimisation study, and if so, how much co-funding was secured for this.

The Ministry has not received any State Sector Decarbonisation funding for a fleet audit and/ or fleet optimisation study.

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 Ministry's vehicles, 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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