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Thank you for your email of 6 November 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Is your agencies continuing to pursue the carbon neutral public service targets?*
 - *If so please provide any documents showing how this is being implemented*
- *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, offset spend)?*
- *Total EV's brought since the targets were implemented broken down by year?*
 - *Please provide notes on type of car.*
- *Total spent on agency emissions inventories by year since implementation.*
 - *Please provide the most recent inventory.*
- *How much is spent on voluntary carbon offsets? (Not the ETS)*
 - *Please provide information on consultants for this and the total offsets.*
- *Any consideration or actions involving Agricultural emissions.*

I respond to each part of your request below.

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

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) publishes the details of our implementation of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme as part of the Select Committee Annual Review process each year. You can find this information by visiting:

- 2018/19: www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/52SCSS_EVI_93045_SS3403/ministry-of-housing-and-urban-development-responses-to
- 2019/20: www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCSS_EVI_103839_SS1003/ministry-of-housing-and-urban-development-responses-to
- 2020/21: www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCSS_EVI_116594_SS2997/ministry-of-housing-and-urban-development-responses-to
- 2021/22: www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/53SCSS_EVI_128566_SS5041/ministry-of-housing-and-urban-development-responses-to

- 2022/23: www.parliament.nz/en/pb/sc/submissions-and-advice/document/54SCSSC_EVI_d1ceb4d3-7fe1-4de5-4a98-08dbfb701e36_SSC658/ministry-of-housing-and-urban-development-responses-to

The Ministry is finalising our submission as part of the 2023/24 Annual Review process and our response will be published online soon. For this reason, I am refusing this part of the request under section 18(d) of the Act, on the grounds that the information requested will soon be publicly available.

You can also find information on the initiatives that the Ministry is focusing on to meet our targets under the Carbon Neutral Government Programme in our latest Annual Report for 2023/24. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is already publicly available at: www.hud.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Te-Tuapapa-Kura-Kainga-annual-report-2023-24.pdf. The information can be found on Pages 40-41.

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, offset spend)?

The following table sets out the total spend relating to this target, broken down by year.

Year	Audit Fees	Certification Fee	Carbon-reduce: membership fee	Total annual cost
2020/21		4,600		4,600
2021/22		4,144	8,000	12,144
2022/23	4,230	768	8,000	12,998
2023/24	3,876	744	8,400	13,020

In terms of internal staff numbers, implementation of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme is part of one staff member's role, or approximately 0.1 FTE. The salary costs for this role are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Total EVs brought since the targets were implemented broken down by year? Please provide notes on type of car.

The Ministry has not owned or purchased any electric or internal combustion engine vehicles, nor any other vehicles, since our establishment in 2018. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

Total spent on agency emissions inventories by year since implementation. Please provide the most recent inventory.

Information on the Ministry's emissions inventory is available in its latest Annual Report. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is already publicly available at: www.hud.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Documents/Te-Tuapapa-Kura-Kainga-annual-report-2023-24.pdf. The information can be found on Pages 40-41.

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

The Ministry has not spent any money on consultants for purchasing voluntary carbon offsets and has not purchased or otherwise acquired any voluntary carbon offsets. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

Any consideration or actions involving agricultural emissions.

The Ministry does not conduct any agricultural activities and as such is not responsible for any agricultural emissions. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the decision to withhold information under section 9 of the Act is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of my response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

As part of our ongoing commitment to openness and transparency, the Ministry proactively releases information and documents that may be of interest to the public. As such, this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on our website.

Nāku noa, nā



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