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Public Sector Carbon Neutrality Accountability Project (PSCNAP)

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Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email dated 1 February 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?*
2. *Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?*
3. *How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?*
4. *When do you plan to phase out coal?*
5. *Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?*
6. *How far along are you in meeting the NABERSNZ rating requirement for large buildings?*

I will respond to each of your questions as follows:

**Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?**

Te Tūāpapa Kura Kāinga – Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (the Ministry) is currently developing a carbon neutral plan, which includes processes to track and report information as required by the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP). This information will be reported to the CNGP programme lead at the end of 2022.

The Ministry is currently engaged with a third-party supplier to establish its reporting base year, to enable it to count and reduce its emissions in line with the Carbon Neutral Government Programme.

You may be interested to learn the Ministry already has emissions reporting built into a number of its supplier agreements, via the Government Procurement Rules on Broader Outcomes.

**Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?**

The Ministry has a small in-house project team of three people working on its carbon-neutral plan, and has engaged an external consultancy firm to provide specialist guidance and advice. The project team is bringing in expertise from other people across the Ministry and the public sector where required.

**How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?**

As I mentioned in my response to your first question, the Ministry is still developing its carbon neutral plan, including processes to track and report information as required by the CNGP.

**When do you plan to phase out coal?**

The Ministry does not use coal.

**Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?**

The Ministry does not own any vehicles.

**How far along are you in meeting the NABERSNZ rating requirement for large buildings?**

The Ministry leases its office space within multi-tenanted buildings, and is working with its landlords regarding NABERSNZ rating requirements for those buildings.

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

Yours sincerely



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