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21 August 2023

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By email: [Redacted]

Tēnā koe [Redacted]

I refer to your email/letter dated 24 July, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *Does your department or agency employ staff, either full time, part time or in a contractor capacity, specifically tasked with measuring the carbon impact of the department or agency's activities? If yes:*
 - *How many people are employed in this role, and what are their job titles?*
 - *Provide a figure for the total annual salaries or fees paid for these roles in the last fiscal year?*
2. *Can you provide the total expenditure by your department in the last fiscal year on activities specifically related to measuring the carbon impact of the department or agency's activities? This might include, but not be limited to, staff salaries or fees, software and hardware procurement, consulting fees, and any other related expenditures.*
3. *Has your department or agency calculated any cost savings (direct or indirect) that have resulted from efforts to reduce the carbon impact of its activities? If so:*
 - *Please provide an estimate of these savings in the last fiscal year?*
 - *Provide any documents, reports, or assessments that detail these savings or the methods by which these savings were calculated?"*

I answer each of your questions in turn below:

1. *Does your department or agency employ staff, either full time, part time or in a contractor capacity, specifically tasked with measuring the carbon impact of the department or agency's activities? If yes:*

- *How many people are employed in this role, and what are their job titles?*

Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) has not employed any staff specifically to work on carbon emissions work. The Ministry's emission programme is resourced from the Business Support Team and includes input from the Manager, Facilities Adviser, and a Business Support Coordinator who undertake this work as part of their core roles.

- *Provide an figure for the total annual salaries or fees paid for these roles in the last fiscal year?*

Due to the emissions work programme being incorporated into existing roles, there are no specific salaries apportioned to this work.

2. *Can you provide the total expenditure by your department in the last fiscal year on activities specifically related to measuring the carbon impact of the department or agency's activities? This might include, but not be limited to, staff salaries or fees, software and hardware procurement, consulting fees, and any other related expenditures.*

During FY 2022/2023, the Ministry engaged two consultants to assist with this work:

- Toitū Envirocare provided advice, emissions reporting software, audit, verification and certification services at a cost of \$11,486.
 - Lumen Engineering Services investigated options for emissions reduction at a cost of \$17,250.
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As a result of our emissions work, the Ministry has reduced its overseas travel budget, but has not calculated any cost savings.

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

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Yours sincerely



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