



4 March 2022



Reference: OIA-2021/22-0967

Dear [REDACTED]

**Official Information Act request relating to Carbon Neutral Plan**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 1 February 2022.

You requested:

- “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?”*

Our carbon neutral plan is under development at present. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) participates in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) cross-departmental working group, which acts as a sounding board for the Carbon Neutral Government Programme-related matters, comprising of approximately 10 staff. DPMC has contracted the services of a specialist organisation (Toitū) to assist both DPMC and NEMA with the journey to carbon neutrality.

NEMA is in the latter stages of finalising its emissions reports for the baseline year (2019/20) and subsequent periods (2020/21 and July - December 2021). These reports will be independently audited, following which details of emissions and how they have been measured will be provided in our annual reports.

NEMA does not use coal. NEMA currently has one fully electric vehicle in its fleet on a trial basis, and the balance of the fleet, a further 10 vehicles, are petrol powered. By July 2022 the entire fleet (11 vehicles) will be replaced with Petrol Hybrid vehicles on a 3-year lease.

There are currently no fully electric vehicles that can meet the unique operational needs of our organisation – for which vehicles need to be driven into locations following emergency events – where there may be a lack of charging facilities/no power or access to such facilities is impossible due to damaged terrain. When the lease term is due for renewal, we will

investigate again whether there is a Battery Electric Vehicle that meets our operational requirements.

I am unable to advise regarding the NABERSNZ rating requirement for large buildings as this would fall into the remit of our landlord, Parliamentary Services.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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