

Our ref: OIA 21 - 51

30 September 2021

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Tēnā koe,

## Re: OIA Request – Public Sector Carbon Neutrality Accountability Project

I refer to your email dated 22 September 2021 to the Education Review Office requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982. I have provided the response to each question.

- Have you got a policy inside your department for zero-carbon use by 2025 and what is the official wording of it?
   ERO does not have a policy.
- 2. What mechanisms are you using to measure and verify your department's emissions? We engaged Toitu Envirocare to measure and verify ERO's emissions.
- When can we expect your first report on these emissions? ERO does not expect a report, but was certified by Toitu Envitocare as meeting the requirements of Toitu carbonreduce certification.
- 4. What structure have you set up with how many staff, such as a zero carbon committee? There is no structure set up such as a zero carbon committee, as this is incorporated into ERO's business as usual functions.
- What are the main areas you have identified to meet mitigation and reduction goals? For each of these, what is your work plan?
  Air travel where it is necessary to carry out ERO's functions. Less flights to mitigate and reduction goals, and more use of Teams and Zoom.
- 6. When do you plan to phase out coal? Not applicable.
- 7. Have you begun your transition to phase in Electric Vehicles (EVs) and reduce your fleet size? Yes have begun to phase EV's and not the fleet size.
- 8. How far along are you in meeting the NABERSNZ rating requirement for large buildings? Not applicable as ERO does not own any buildings

I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information to questions 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8 do not exist.

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