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### Official Information Act request: Carbon travel limits

Thank you for your request of 7 February 2023, requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), information about carbon travel limits at the Ministry of Justice (the Ministry). Specifically, you requested:

- *Please detail each annual carbon travel limit Te Tāhū o te Ture Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has, including those for full-time staff, part-time staff, casual staff, contractors and consultants.*
- *In the past 12 months (1 February 2022 to 1 February 2023), how many of the MoJ carbon travel limits were reached, if any?*
- *If any carbon travel limits were reached, when were they reached (e.g. August 31, 2022, 4 months before the annual period ended)?*
- *If any carbon travel limits were reached, how much travel is recorded after the day they were reached within the annual period (e.g. 54 kilometres of travel were recorded over the annual limit in 2022)?*
- *What changes are implemented if a carbon travel limit is reached?*
- *When were carbon travel limits introduced for MoJ?*
- *How many years, since carbon travel limits were introduced, has MoJ recorded travel in excess of the annual limit?*

In response to your request, the Ministry has not set an annual carbon travel limit for staff, contractors or consultants at this point in time. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information does not exist. However, I can provide the following general comments.

As a participant in the Carbon Neutral Government Programme, the Ministry is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions across its operations. In line with the programme, the Ministry has set the following reduction targets:

- reduce gross emissions by 21 percent by June 2025 compared to our 2020/21 baseline year, and
- reduce gross emissions by 42 percent by June 2030 compared to our 2020/21 baseline year.

Additionally, the Ministry:

- is replacing internal combustion vehicles with electric vehicles by 2025/26. Currently, 74 percent of the Ministry's fleet are low emission vehicles, and
- favours low emission rental cars over higher emission vehicles as part of the travel policy. Investments in information technology have given Ministry employees the ability to meet online as opposed to travelling. Where travel is essential, the Ministry's travel policy provides guidance for staff on making sustainable travel decisions.

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