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Dear Mr Brown

Thank you for your email of 11 August 2019 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) information connected with Government Procurement Rule 20 – Transitioning to a net zero emissions economy and designing waste out of the system. For clarity, I will respond to each question individually:

What other areas does MBIE deem to come under the Rule 20?

The Government Procurement Rules come into effect on 1 October 2019 and Cabinet has named office supplies, light vehicles, and stationary/process heating systems as the designated contracts where agencies are required to apply the minimum requirement set out in paragraph 2 of Rule 20. While the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) does not deem other areas to come under Rule 20, we note that paragraph 1 of Rule 20 promotes the procurement of low-emissions and low-waste goods, services and works.

If MBIE deems that Rule 20 does not apply to air travel by public servants, reduction in use of plastic packaging, and procurement of kitchen appliances, what other All-of-Government rule(s) governing these three specific examples are you aware of?

Rule 20 can be applied to the procurement of the goods and services mentioned in your question. As stated above, paragraph 1 of Rule 20 states that agencies should support the procurement of low-emissions and low-waste goods, services and works.

Aside from Government fleet emissions, does MBIE monitor compliance with Rule 20 by public agencies and, if so, what is the monitoring regime involved?

While MBIE does not monitor compliance, it will be offering workshops and guidance to agencies to enhance understanding of the new requirements in the Government Procurement Rules. This will supplement guidance available on our website.

What other MBIE reports are available on agency compliance with Rule 20, aside from Government fleet emissions?

MBIE does not have other reports on agency compliance with Rule 20, aside from Government fleet emissions. We note that the Government Procurement Rules come into effect on 1 October 2019.

What process does MBIE follow to help agencies improve their compliance with Rule 20, if and when it is identified as deficient?

MBIE does not monitor compliance with Rule 20.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of my response to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely



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