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Dear Alex

Re: Official Information Action Request – public service clean energy projects

Thank you for your email of 15 July 2020 in which you ask, in relation to the six recently announced Clean-Powered Public Service fund projects:

- *how are these projects selected? What metrics are used to assess them?; and*
- *is there a list of possible future projects? (and if so for a copy).*

In December 2019, the Government announced the \$200 million Clean-Powered Public Service fund, as part of its \$12 billion New Zealand Upgrade Programme: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/feature/new-zealand-upgrade-programme>.

Cabinet has authorised the Minister for Climate Change and the Minister of Finance to jointly approve funding for projects (in consultation with the Minister of Energy and Resources). EECA and MBIE are responsible for recommending projects to Ministers.

In relation to your question about how the projects are selected, and what metrics are used to assess them, EECA works with eligible organisations in the State Sector to identify and assess project proposals against five investment principles:

- Projects must be able to be fully implemented by 2022/23, and be broadly implementation ready and supported by a business case and/or feasibility studies where appropriate;
- Projects should provide significant emissions reductions, including by catalysing additional emissions abatement beyond the State Sector;
- Projects should aim to optimise Crown value for money;
- Projects should, where possible, demonstrate government leadership and reinforce signals from wider climate policy; and
- The number of decarbonisation projects should, where possible, be maximised by leveraging funding from State Sector organisations.

Organisations are required to go through an application process. See the funding response form attached, which includes the criteria used to assess projects.

EECA is working with interested State Sector organisations to identify and assess project proposals. We expect the Minister for Climate Change and Minister of Finance will announce future projects throughout 2020.

You have the right under section 28 of the Official Information Act to seek a review by the Ombudsman of the response I have provided to your request.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Caseley
Chief Executive