



Chris Watson and Tom Bennion
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Dear Chris Watson and Tom Bennion

Thank you for your request of 29 June 2022 for the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

We seek information on the greenhouse gas emissions of your agency. Specifically, please provide your reporting on greenhouse gas emissions of your agency:

- 1. In the last year of reporting under the Government's former sustainability programme (Govt3 Sustainability Programme);*
- 2. The last reporting on greenhouse gas emissions before the Covid lockdown in March 2020;*
- 3. Your most recent reporting on greenhouse gas emissions. In each case, kindly include the breakdown of the activities causing the emissions. This should include separate reporting on domestic air travel and on international air travel.*
- 4. Please also advise if your agency has joined any programme enabling detailed reporting such as the Toitū CarbonReduce Programme.*

Your request has been refused in full under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

Regarding part one of your request, the Ministry's last year of reporting under the Govt3 Sustainability Programme can be accessed at: [Overview of the 2008/09 year | Ministry for the Environment](#).

Regarding parts two and three of your request, detailed reporting on the Ministry's greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), from FY2017/18 to FY2020/21, can be found at: [Our sustainability | Ministry for the Environment](#). Note that our FY2021/22 GHG emissions data is currently being third-party verified and will be published on the Ministry's website in due course.

Regarding part four of your request, the Ministry has been a Toitū carbonreduce certified organisation since FY2017/18, and our certification can be found at: [Ministry for the Environment | Toitū Envirocare \(toitu.co.nz\)](#). Our certification for FY2021/22 will also be published here in due course.

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

Please note that due to the public interest in our work the Ministry for the Environment publishes responses to requests for official information on our [OIA responses page](#) shortly after the response has been sent. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team: ministerials@mfe.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Pepi Batsos', with a horizontal line extending to the right and a small dot at the end.

Pepi Batsos
Director – Organisational Strategy and Performance