

20-D-02403

s 9(2)(a)

Dear s 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 2 December 2020 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

a copy of all advice provided to Minister or Ministers offices in relation to: reducing the Government's own emissions and becoming a carbon-neutral Government by 2025.

The Ministry has identified 28 documents in scope of your request, as listed in the attached document schedule.

Five of these documents have been refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

14 documents have been withheld in part, and seven documents have been withheld in full, under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 9(2)(g)(i) to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty

The remaining two documents have been released to you in full.

Please note some information has been removed as it is out of scope of your request.

In terms of section 9(1) of the Act, I am satisfied that, in the circumstances, the withholding of this information is not outweighed by other considerations that render it desirable to make the information available in the public interest.

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 'Lisa Daniell', is positioned above the typed name.

Lisa Daniell
Director, Climate Change

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Document schedule

Document no.	Document date	Content	Decisions	OIA sections applied
1	4 November 2020	Carbon neutral draft advice outline	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
2	12 November 2020	CNPS - please confirm	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
3	13 November 2020	2020-B-07330 First Draft of Cabinet paper - Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
4	17 November 2020	Financial recs	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of

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				public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
5	17 November 2020	17 Nov cover note Cabinet paper for ministerial consultation - Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme (003)	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
6	19 November 2020	Latest version of Cab paper highlighting key changes	Released in part	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
6.1	19 November 2020	Email attachment: V5 2020-C-07310 Leading the way Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme - HN+AT	Withheld in full	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
6.2	18 November 2020	Email attachment: RE_ Comments from Hon. Shaw 1_2 - Updated Cabinet paper - Carbon Neutral Government Programme	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered
7	18 November 2020	MfE funding for CNGP until 30 June 2021	Released in part	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered
8	20 November 2020	2020-B-07354 Cabinet Paper Carbon Neutral Government Programme	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons

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9	24 November 2020	Talking points for CBC tomorrow	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered Information out of scope
10	26 November 2020	Excerpts from 2020-C-07368 - Climate change work programme - Key Cabinet dates in 2021	Released in part	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered Information out of scope
11	30 November 2020	RE: Urgent response required Monday morning	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
12	2 December 2020	RE: Announceables for Minister Shaw"s office [IN-CONFIDENCE]	Released in full	
13	2 December 2020	RE: URGENT: Draft statement on carbon neutral public service	Released in part	S 9(2)(a) - to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
13.1	2 December 2020	Email attachment: Carbon Neutral Govt PR - with JS (003)	Withheld in full	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and

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13.2	2 December 2020	Email attachment: JS climate plans PR climate comments	Withheld in full	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
14	2 December 2020	Backpocket QA	Released in full	
15	14 December 2020	Excerpts from Weekly Update for week of 14 December 2020	Released in part	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered Information out of scope
16	11 November 2020	carbon diff agency levers	Withheld in full	S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
17	17 November 2020	V4 2020-C-07310 Leading the way Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme (6)	Withheld in full	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
18	20 November 2020	V8 2020-C-07310 Leading the way Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme (7) (4)	Withheld in full	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
19	30 November 2020	DRAFT IN-CONFIDENCE 2020-C-07380 Climate change	Withheld in full	S 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the

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		emergency and a whole-of-government response (005)		confidentiality of advice tendered S (9)(2)(g)(i) - maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions
20	2 December 2020	Table of CNGP orgs	Refused	18(d) - the information requested is publicly available here: https://www.beehive.govt.nz/sites/default/files/2020-12/Organisations%20included%20in%20the%20Carbon%20Neutral%20Government%20Programme%20.pdf
21	6 November	Briefing note: Advice on a Carbon Neutral Public Service	Refused	18(d) - the information requested will soon be publicly available
22	13 November	Briefing note: Governance options for climate change work programme	Refused	18(d) - the information requested will soon be publicly available
23	20 November	Cabinet paper – Leading the way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme	Refused	18(d) - the information requested will soon be publicly available
24	30 November	Cabinet minute – CAB-20-MIN-0491	Refused	18(d) - the information requested will soon be publicly available

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Document 1

From: [Matthew Cowie](#)
To: [Kate Ryan \(Parliament\)](#); [Laurette Siemonek \(Parliament\)](#)
Cc: [Ministerials](#); [Janine Smith](#); [Belinda van Eynhoven](#); [Lucy Tyndal](#); [Emily Dunning](#)
Subject: Carbon neutral draft advice outline
Date: Wednesday, 4 November 2020 6:09:57 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Kate/Laurette,

Please find copied below a draft summary of the advice that we are planning to send over to the office on Friday about the carbon neutral public sector. This summary is not to be shared with the Minister or his office and is for your information only. Belinda (copied) is the lead author on this paper and so any comments or suggestions would be best addressed to her.

Kia ora,
Matt

[IN CONFIDENCE]

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High level structure

- **Purpose**
- **Key messages**
- **Background from 2007/8**
 - Covering what's happened before under the 2007/08 Carbon Neutral Public Service programme. This had three steps:
 - Measuring and reporting on greenhouse gas emissions
 - Reducing those emissions
 - Offsetting any remaining emissions through New Zealand-based offset

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- **Agree** to use this advice as basis for a Cabinet paper, which will be taken to CBC on 23 November, for a public announcement on 1 December.

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Document 2

From: [Belinda van Eyndhoven](#)
To: [Kate Ryan \(Parliament\)](#)
Cc: [Emily Dunning](#); [Lucy Tyndall](#)
Subject: CNPS - please confirm
Date: Thursday, 12 November 2020 12:38:23 PM
Attachments: [image007.png](#)
[image008.png](#)
[image010.png](#)
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

Kia ora Kate

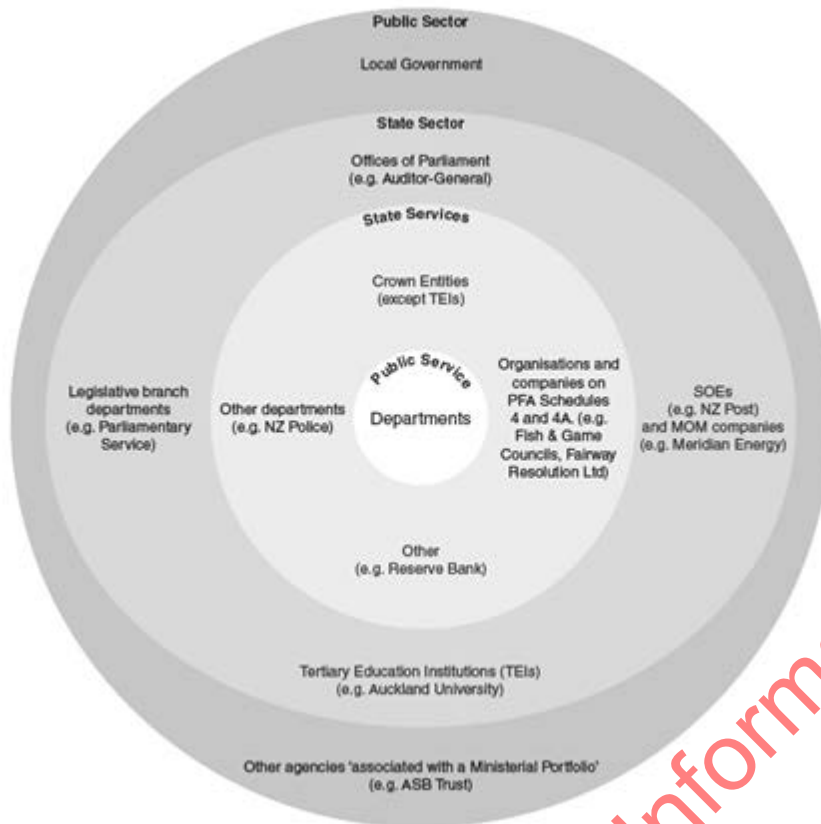
Thanks for the chat just now.

As discussed keen for you to test the following and provide guidance:

1. We understand from our discussions to date that the PM/Ministers are after a carbon neutral Public Service by 2025. We talked yesterday about this being just s 9(2)(g)(i)

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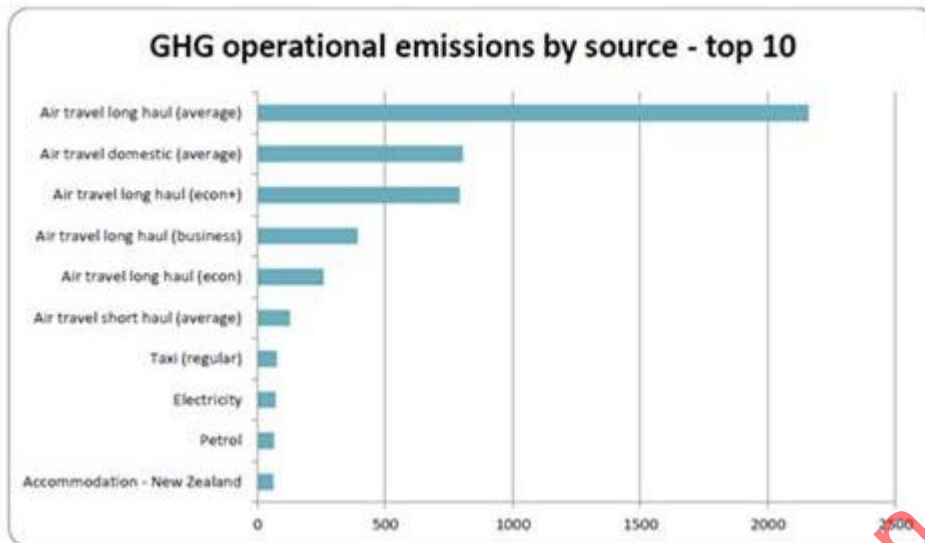


4. As also discussed will the following suffice for example emissions profiles of New Zealand public sector agencies for the Appendix?:

Appendix 2 – example emissions profiles of New Zealand public sector agencies

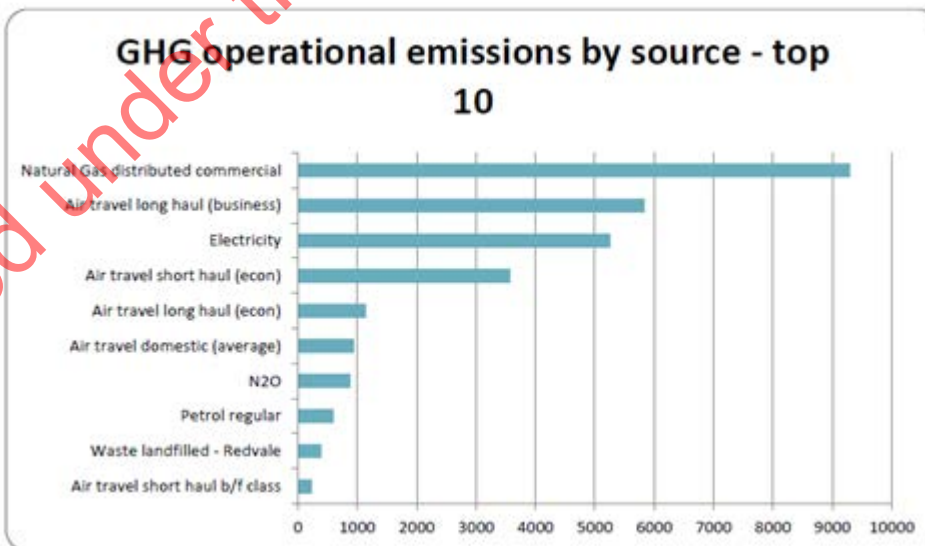
New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE)

- 1 NZTE has around 600 employees and 180 private sector advisors around the world. To reduce its emissions, NZTE has developed a GHG emissions management plan and reduction targets, including: Promoting more efficient travel and alternative means of transport where available, investigating solutions to aid virtual collaboration, reducing energy use by promoting behavioural change and reducing waste through sharing educational materials.
- 2 NZTE has pledged to cut its carbon emissions per employee (full-time equivalent) by 46.2% by 2030, from a 2018/19 baseline year



Auckland District Health Board (Including Auckland City Hospital, Greenlane Clinical Centre and community sites)

- 3 Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) employ more than 11,000 people.
- 4 To reduce its emissions, ADHB has developed a GHG emissions management plan and reduction targets. This plan includes investigating EVs, incorporating energy efficient design into new capital projects, retrofitting and replacing of existing plant and equipment with energy efficient items, monitoring and increasing web and audio conferencing to reduce air travel requirements.
- 5 ADHB Have cut their emissions 28% since 2005. They have a goal to reduce their energy use by 50% and produce 50% of their energy needs through on-site renewable energy by 2030.



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Draft Cabinet paper – Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme



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Date Submitted:	Friday 13 November 2020	Tracking #: 2020-B-07330 MBIE tracking #: 2021-1330
Security Level	Unclassified	MfE Priority: Non-Urgent

	Action sought:	Response by:
To Hon James Shaw, Minister of Climate Change	Provide feedback on draft Cabinet paper	Tuesday 17 November
To Hon Stuart Nash, Minister for Economic and Regional Development	Provide feedback on draft Cabinet paper	Tuesday 17 November
CC Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister		
CC Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance		
CC Hon Dr Megan Woods, Minister of Energy and Resources		
CC Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for the Public Service		
CC Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment		
CC Hon Poto Williams, Minister of Building and Construction		
CC Michael Wood, Minister of Transport		

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Return the signed report to MfE with feedback
Number of appendices and attachments 1	Titles of appendices and attachments (ie separate attached documents): 1. Appendix 1 – Leading the way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme (Draft)

Ministry for the Environment contacts

Position	Name	Cell phone	1 st contact
Principal Author	Kate Whitwell		
Director	Matthew Cowie	§ 9(2)(a)	✓
GM Energy and Resource Markets	Phillippa Fox		

Draft Cabinet paper – Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme

1. This briefing provides a draft Cabinet paper for your review and feedback – *Leading the way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme*. This paper seeks agreement to aim for carbon neutrality across the organisations in the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) by 2025, and to publicly announce commitments to work towards that aspiration on 1 December 2020 as set out in the executive summary.
2. This draft Cabinet paper has been provided to you following your agreement to the recent briefing regarding a carbon neutral public service [2020-B-07270 MfE and 2021-1222 MBIE refers]. The paper has been jointly drafted by MfE and MBIE and has been revised following input from a range of agencies.

Next steps

3. Please review the Cabinet paper and provide feedback by Tuesday 17 November 2020.

Recommendations

4. We recommend that you:
 - a) **Note** this paper seeks agreement to aim for carbon neutrality across the organisations in the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) by 2025, and to publicly announce commitments to work towards that aspiration on 1 December 2020.
 - b) **Provide** feedback on the draft Cabinet paper by Tuesday 17 November 2020
Yes/No
 - c) **Agree** that this briefing and appendices will be released proactively on the Ministry for the Environment's website within the next eight weeks.
Yes/No

Signature

Matthew Cowie
Acting Director, Climate Change Mitigation
Ministry for the Environment



Phillippa Fox
GM Energy and Resource Markets
Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment

Hon James Shaw
Minister for Climate Change
Date:

Hon Stuart Nash
Minister for Economic and Regional Development
Date:

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Appendix 1 - Leading the way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme (Draft)

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Cabinet paper for ministerial consultation – Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme



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Date Submitted:	Tuesday 17 November 2020	Tracking #:	MBIE tracking #: 2021-1330
Security Level	Unclassified	MfE Priority:	Non-Urgent

	Action sought:	Response by:
To Hon James Shaw, Minister of Climate Change	Ministerial consultation on draft Cabinet paper	Thursday 19 November
To Hon Stuart Nash, Minister for Economic and Regional Development	Ministerial consultation on draft Cabinet paper	Thursday 19 November
CC Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister		
CC Hon Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance		
CC Hon Dr Megan Woods, Minister of Energy and Resources		
CC Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister for the Public Service		
CC Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment		
CC Hon Poto Williams, Minister of Building and Construction		
CC Michael Wood, Minister of Transport		

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Circulate report to relevant ministers for comment Return the signed report to MfE with ministerial feedback
Number of appendices and attachments 1	Titles of appendices and attachments (ie separate attached documents): 1. Appendix 1 – Leading the way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme (Draft)

Ministry for the Environment contacts

Position	Name	Cell phone	1 st contact
Principal Author	Belinda van Eyndhoven		
Director	Matthew Cowie	s 9(2)(a)	✓
GM Energy and Resource Markets	Phillippa Fox		

Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation – Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme

1. This briefing provides a Cabinet paper for Ministerial consultation and feedback – *Leading the way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme*.
2. This paper seeks agreement to aim for carbon neutrality across the organisations in the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) by 2025, and to publicly announce commitments to work towards that goal on 1 December 2020.
3. This Cabinet paper incorporates feedback from you and other Ministers on the version provided to you on 13 November [2020-B-07330 MfE and 2021-1222 MBIE refers].
4. The paper has been jointly drafted in short time frames by MfE and MBIE and includes input from a range of agencies.
5. Ministerial feedback on the 13 November version of the paper has been incorporated at pace. The attached version will require some editorial changes to improve the consistency, especially between the wording of the recommendations and the substantive text.
6. Information on the cost of implementing NABERSNZ is proving difficult to obtain. We are looking to incorporate this information in the version of the paper that is lodged on 19 November.

Next steps

7. Please distribute the Cabinet paper to relevant ministers and request feedback by 4pm 18 November 2020.

Recommendations

8. We recommend that you:
 - a) **Note** this paper seeks agreement to aim for carbon neutrality across the organisations in the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) by 2025, and to publicly announce commitments to work towards that goal on 1 December 2020.
 - b) **Note** the paper incorporates the feedback you and other Minister's provided on the draft paper provided on 13 November.
 - c) **Note** some editorial changes will be needed prior to lodging the paper.
 - d) **Agree** to seek further feedback from relevant Ministers by 4pm, 18 November 2020.

Yes/No

Signature



Matthew Cowie
Acting Director, Climate Change Mitigation
Ministry for the Environment

Phillippa Fox
GM Energy and Resource Markets
Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment

Hon James Shaw
Minister for Climate Change
Date:

Hon Stuart Nash
Minister for Economic and Regional Development
Date:

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Appendix 1 - Leading the way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme (Draft)

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Document 6

From: [Emily Dunning](#)
To: [Kate Ryan \(Parliament\)](#)
Cc: [Belinda van Eyndhoven](#); [Lucy Tyndall](#); [Matthew Cowie](#)
Subject: Latest version of Cab paper highlighting key changes
Date: Thursday, 19 November 2020 2:06:15 PM
Attachments: [V5 2020-C-07310 Leading the way Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme - HN+AT.docx](#)
[RE Comments from Hon. Shaw 1 2 - Updated Cabinet paper - Carbon Neutral Government Programme .eml](#)

Kia ora Kate,

See attached the latest Cab Paper – with highlights/comments indicating the main changes since the last version.

Further context to Minister Shaw’s comments are below where we didn’t amend (noting most of the second half of his comments still require input from MBIE/EECA).

Responses from MBIE/EECA/us are as follows:

- Para 9 – question on cost
 - s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i)
 - [Redacted]
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- Para 19 – “voluntary” was a typo so has been removed; though note that the reason the Reserve Bank, Offices of Parliament and tertiary institutions can only be encouraged to report is because the powers/levers Ministers have available to them are less for these parts of the public sector, as per PSC advice. Please also note the RBNZ is already reporting on its emissions.
- Para 23 – about non fossil fuel back up boilers
 - s 9(2)(f)(v), s 9(2)(g)(i)
 - [Redacted]
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- Footnote 9 – added “Note there are products in development for schools to measure and manage their emissions profile.”
- Para 24 – suggested edits made.
- Para 41 – suggested edits made.
- Para 43 – question on zero emissions vehicles - s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i)
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- Paras 47-50
 - Para 48 - Added: s 9(2)(f)(iv) [REDACTED].
 - EECA and MBIE do not recommend altering further – **see attached email** for further context on why. s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]
- Para 56 – EECA/MBIE to respond - market question
 - Paragraph added further down (above “energy efficiency rating” heading)
- Para 57 - suggested edits made
- Para 74 – suggestion added with tweaked wording
- Rec 2 – amendment to figure made
- Appendix 1 diagram – provided by PSC in non-editable form so can’t amend, however, DHBs are itemised in the table above, showing they are Crown Entities
- Appendix 3 emissions profiles – Yes the examples are all Toitu carbonreduce clients and so all include mandatory scope 3 emissions (as required under the ISO14064 standard and GHG protocol). Mandatory scope 3 emissions are generally T&D losses, waste to landfill, business travel (e.g air travel, taxi travel), and freight (others may be included depending on how material they are to a reporting organisation)

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From: [Jesse Corlett](#)
To: [Emily Dunning](#)
Cc: [Belinda van Eyndhoven](#); [Lucy Tyndall](#); [Matthew Cowie](#); [Justine Cannon](#); [Mitchell Trezona-lecomte](#); [Daniel Barber](#); [Laurie Boyce](#); [James Soligo](#); [Marcos Pelenur](#)
Subject: RE: Comments from Hon. Shaw 1/2 - Updated Cabinet paper - Carbon Neutral Government Programme
Date: Wednesday, 18 November 2020 4:48:37 PM

Hi Emily

Main points – read this

I'm writing in response to Minister Shaw's comments on s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i)

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- s 9(2)(f)(iv), s 9(2)(g)(i)
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Subject: FW: Comments from Hon. Shaw 1/2 - Updated Cabinet paper - Carbon Neutral Government Programme

Kia ora koutou,

Please find attached the first half of comments back from Minister Shaw. Please note Kate's points in the emails below that some may require changes to the Cab paper but some will just be about providing feedback to him in an email.

Could you send back your inputs to us by 4.30pm? We will then collate and send back to Minister Shaw's office. Hopefully it will be clear who will need to respond to what based on the topic matter but let me know if not.

Many thanks! Emily

From: Belinda van Eyndhoven <Belinda.vanEyndhoven@mfe.govt.nz>

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Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2020 1:00 PM

To: Emily Dunning <Emily.Dunning@mfe.govt.nz>; Lucy Tyndall <Lucy.Tyndall@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Comments from Hon. Shaw 1/2 - Updated Cabinet paper - Carbon Neutral Government Programme

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Sent: Wednesday, 18 November 2020 12:58 PM

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Cc: Ministerials <ministerials@mfe.govt.nz>; Laurette Siemonek (Parliament) <Laurette.Siemonek@parliament.govt.nz>; Sarah Boone <Sarah.Boone@mfe.govt.nz>; Kim Matthews <Kim.Matthews@mfe.govt.nz>; Ella Bambrough-Copeland <Ella.Bambrough-Copeland@mfe.govt.nz>; Grace Van Ryn <Grace.VanRyn@mfe.govt.nz>

Subject: Comments from Hon. Shaw 1/2 - Updated Cabinet paper - Carbon Neutral Government Programme

Hi team,

As flagged to Belinda, attached are comments from Minister Shaw on the first half of the updated draft Cabinet paper. We are expecting him to review the second half of the paper late this afternoon, so I'll send them through once I receive them.

These comments are a mixture of questions from the Minister that you will be able to answer with no changes to the paper, minor wording changes that can be easily incorporated, and additional more detailed comments that will need consideration from before they are incorporated (mainly around s 9(2)(f)).

From this version onwards, can you please ensure that changes to the paper (beyond editorial/formatting changes) are tracked. For the questions that can be easily answered, can you please provide either short bullet points in response via email or respond directly into the document if that's easier.

In terms of broader ministerial consultation, this is being led by Minister Nash's office so I expect you/MBIE will receive feedback via his office.

Very happy to discuss.

Many thanks
Kate



**Kate Ryan | Private Secretary, Climate Change
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Document 7

From: [Belinda van Eyndhoven](#)
To: [Kate Ryan \(Parliament\)](#)
Cc: [Matthew Cowie](#)
Subject: MfE funding for CNGP until 30 June 2021
Date: Wednesday, 18 November 2020 5:27:21 PM

Thanks for your time today.

As discussed, MfE is under significant budgetary pressure in the Climate Change work programme. MfE would like to be the lead agency (or a lead agency) on the CNGP work however to cover the set up costs of this work between now and June 2021 (when Minister Shaw (and potentially Minister Nash) s 9(2)(f)(iv)

. We estimate these initial set up costs for MfE to June 2021 will be s 9(2)(f)(iv) (covering engagement, reporting and offsetting).

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

This leaves MfE in an unfunded position for this critical government work.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

MfE would like to ensure that s 9(2)(f)(iv)

. We therefore propose the following changes to the draft Cabinet paper (in red):

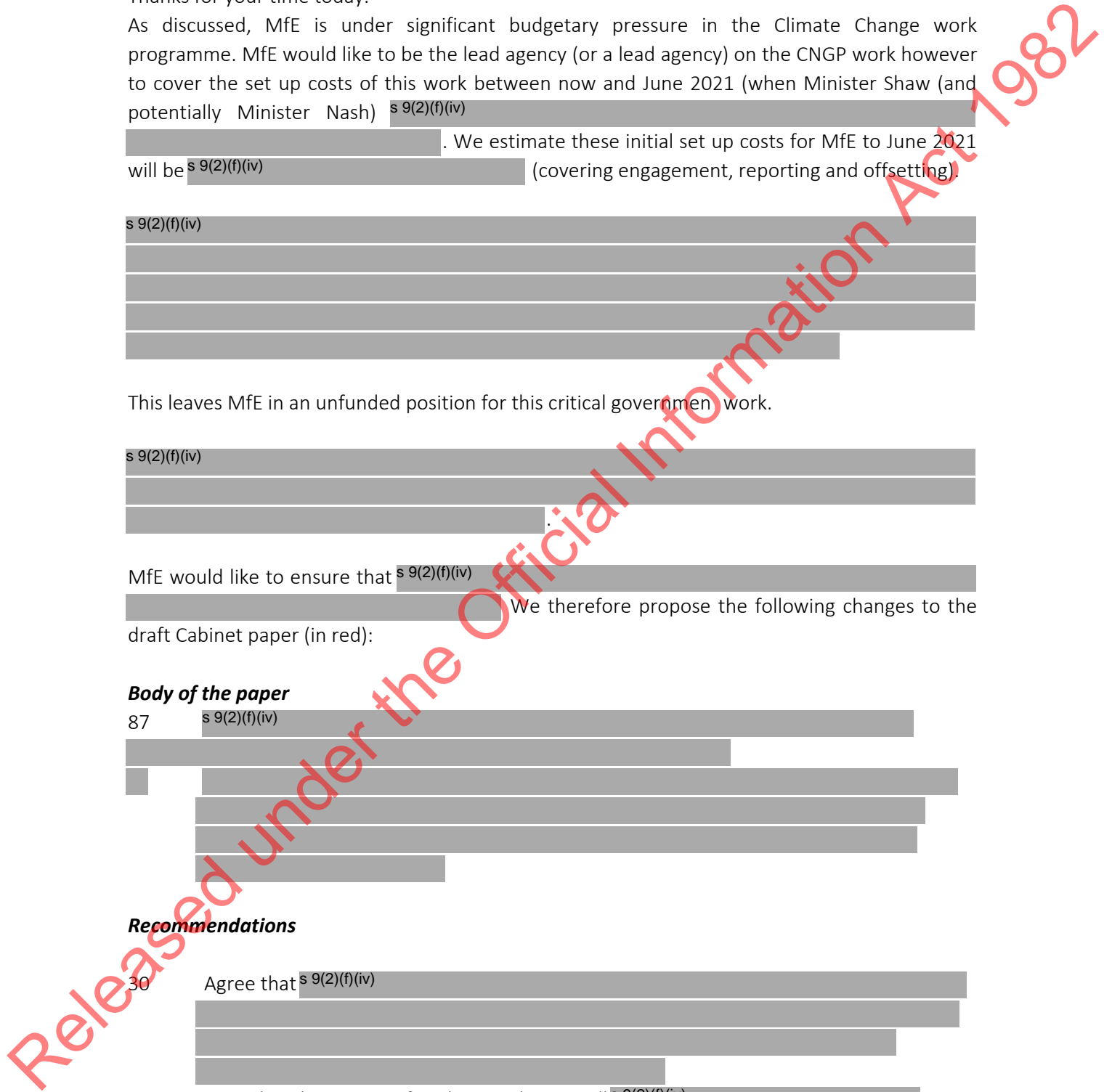
Body of the paper

87 s 9(2)(f)(iv)

Recommendations

30 Agree that s 9(2)(f)(iv)

31 Note that the Minister for Climate Change will s 9(2)(f)(iv)



Keen for your thoughts on this and whether the Minister would support this inclusion in the paper and recs.

Thanks so much
Belinda

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Cabinet paper – Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme



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	Action sought:	Response by:
To Hon Stuart Nash, Minister for Economic and Regional Development	Lodge Cabinet paper	Monday 23 November
To Hon James Shaw, Minister of Climate Change		
CC Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister		

Actions for Minister's Office Staff	Return the signed report to MfE and MBIE.
Number of appendices and attachments 1	Titles of appendices and attachments (ie separate attached documents): 1. Appendix 1 – Leading the way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme

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Cabinet paper – Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme

1. This briefing provides the Cabinet paper for you to lodge – *Leading the way: Establishing a Carbon Neutral Government Programme*. This paper seeks agreement to establish a Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP). It will be a long-term work programme for the Government that aims to make a number of government organisations carbon neutral by 2025, and takes initial steps to help them accelerate their reduction journeys.
2. This Cabinet paper incorporates feedback from Ministers during this week and follows the draft Cabinet Paper [2020-B-07330 MfE and 2021-1330 MBIE refers] and the preceding briefing regarding a carbon neutral public service [2020-B-07270 MfE and 2021-1222 MBIE refers]. The paper has been jointly drafted by MfE and MBIE and has been revised following input from a range of agencies.
3. The Cabinet paper was further restructured and revised following direction from the Prime Minister's Office received on 19 and again on 20 November 2020.

Next steps

4. Please lodge the Cabinet paper on Monday 23 November 2020, ready to be taken to CBC on 25 November 2020.

Recommendations

5. We recommend that you:
 - a) **Note** this paper seeks agreement to establish a Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP). It will be a long-term work programme for the Government that aims to make a number of government organisations carbon neutral by 2025, and takes initial steps, to help them accelerate their reduction journeys.
 - b) **Agree** to lodge this Cabinet paper on Monday 23 November 2020
 - c) **Agree** that this briefing and appendices will be released proactively on the Ministry for the Environment's website within the next eight weeks.

Yes/No

Yes/No

Signature



Matthew Cowie
Acting Director, Climate Change Mitigation

Ministry for the Environment

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Hon James Shaw
Minister of Climate Change
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Hon Stuart Nash
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Subject: Talking points for CBC tomorrow
Date: Tuesday, 24 November 2020 4:58:54 PM
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Laurette/Kate,

Here are the talking points for CBC tomorrow. Let me know if you have any questions about them.

Also, the officials outside of CBC tomorrow to support the Minister will be me, Laurie Boyce (MBIE) and Fleur D'souza (MBIE).

Nga mihi,
Matt

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Talking points for Cabinet Business Committee – Wednesday 25th November 2020

Out of Scope



Out of Scope

Proposed Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP)

We know Government needs to play its part in leading the way to a low emissions future.

- We have made a start with initiatives like the State Sector Decarbonisation Fund (SSD) launched in January – putting \$200 million towards decarbonisation projects within the State Sector. About \$80 million has been committed to projects to date, including to replace coal boilers and buy EVs.
- But we need to go further. That is why, to support and grow the work happening through the SSD Fund we are launching the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP).
- The CNGP is a long-term, umbrella programme to help government organisations to measure, manage and reduce their emissions, set gross emissions reduction targets and report transparently to their stakeholders on progress.
- The CNGP will ensure there is direct accountability and financial incentive on agencies to reduce emissions. The intention of the programme is to go further still with a goal that organisations are offsetting their remaining emissions from 2025.
- The programme will include continuing to reduce significant emissions sources in the state sector including:
 - Fossil fuel boilers for heating – we will phase out coal boilers, prioritising the largest and most active coal boilers by 2025, and continue to use the State Sector Decarbonisation (SSD) Fund to replace them with clean alternatives.
 - Petrol and diesel cars by:
 - requiring mandated agencies to optimise their fleets with the aim of reducing the number of vehicles in the government fleet.
 - requiring mandated agencies to purchase battery electric vehicles (BEVs), or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) if a BEV is not appropriate for the proposed use, unless their operational requirements or other circumstances require (following an approval process).
 - Office space – we are implementing an energy efficiency building rating standard

over five years from January 2021 for all mandated property agencies who occupy single tenanted, co-tenanted or co-located government office accommodation over 2,000m².

- Report backs in March and June next year will provide more detail about the CNGP work programme.

Next steps

- [I/we] intend to bring a paper directly to CBC next Wednesday 2nd December seeking decisions about the declaration of a climate emergency and Ministerial governance options, so that announcements can be made next week.

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- 7.11 Reporting back to Cabinet in June 2021 on options and feasibility for how carbon neutrality for organisations in the Carbon Neutral Government Programme could be achieved by December 2025

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Options for voluntary carbon offsetting

69 The Minister for Economic and Regional Development and I will report back to Cabinet in June 2021 on how carbon neutrality for organisations in the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) could be achieved by December 2025. This will follow work by officials on the opportunities, risks and constraints around offsetting.

70 s 9(2)(f)(iv) [Redacted]

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Voluntary offsetting

10 note that the Minister for Economic and Regional Development and I will report back to Cabinet in June 2021 on how carbon neutrality for organisations in the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) could be achieved by December 2025.

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Voluntary carbon offsetting	Report back to Cabinet on how carbon neutrality for organisations in the Carbon Neutral Government Programme could be achieved by December 2025	June 2021
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Subject: RE: Urgent response required Monday morning
Date: Monday, 30 November 2020 10:32:21 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Kia ora Laurette

Please see below the response for Minister Shaw from MBIE.
Please give me a call if you would like any further information.

Nga mihi

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Subject: RE: URGENT REQUEST Due 10.15am this morning [IN-CONFIDENCE]

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Scope of the Government Property Mandate

The Government property mandate excludes District Health Boards. The scope of agencies within the mandate was reconfirmed in Annex One of the Cabinet *Report Back: Mandate Changes for the Delivery of the Government Office Accommodation Programme* [GOV-18-MIN-0091 refers] as:

- all public sector departments;
- New Zealand Defence Force, New Zealand Police and the Parliamentary Counsel Office;
- all Crown agents (except District Health Boards and the New Zealand Blood Service); and the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Parliamentary Service.

Copies of the proactively released Cabinet paper and Cabinet Minute are available on the MBIE website at the following location:

Cabinet paper - <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/5736-report-back-mandate-changes-for-the-delivery-of-the-government-office-accommodation-programme-proactiverelease-pdf>

Cabinet minute - <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/5737-minute-of-decision-mandate-changes-for-the-delivery-of-the-government-office-accommodation-programme-proactiverelease-pdf>

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Sent: Monday, 30 November 2020 7:16 AM

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Subject: RE: Urgent response required Monday morning

Thanks Belinda, much appreciated! :)

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Date: Monday, 30 Nov 2020, 6:27 AM

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Subject: Re: Urgent response required Monday morning

Morena Laurette

Acknowledging this email has been received and is being actioned by MBIE this morning. We will have a reply to you by 10:30am.

Nga mihi
Belinda

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Subject: Urgent response required Monday morning

Hi team,

Minister Shaw has just sent through the below urgent request for the morning - ahead of Cabinet's consideration of the Carbon Neutral Government paper later that day.

Could you please reply to this email in the morning acknowledging that it's being actioned and provide a response by 10.30am?

Thanks heaps,
Laurette

Minister Shaw's request:

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From: [Belinda van Eyndhoven](#)
To: [Kate Ryan \(Parliament\)](#)
Cc: [Matthew Cowie](#); [Emily Dunning](#); [Lucy Tyndall](#)
Subject: RE: Announceables for Minister Shaw's office [IN-CONFIDENCE]
Date: Wednesday, 2 December 2020 12:21:22 PM
Sensitivity: Confidential

And apologies one further change from MBIE (below and updated in the original text):

- Implement our commitment to require NABERSNZ from January 2021 for agencies that occupy large office space (over 2,000m2) that are covered by the Property Functional Leadership mandate.

From: Kate Ryan <Kate.Ryan@parliament.govt.nz>
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Subject: RE: Announceables for Minister Shaw's office [IN-CONFIDENCE]
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Absolutely – understood.

Thanks
Kate

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Kia ora Kate

Just to confirm that the email below is just a summary of what we think the cab paper is saying and was pulled together and sent to you to aid the understanding of staff in your office. These are not actually what will be announced as we don't know what that will be and actual announcements will come from PMO. MBIE have just asked us to be clear on that in our email trail.

Thanks
Belinda

From: Kate Ryan <Kate.Ryan@parliament.govt.nz>
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Subject: RE: Announceables for Minister Shaw's office [IN-CONFIDENCE]

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Thanks very much!

Kate

From: Belinda van Eyndhoven [<mailto:Belinda.vanEyndhoven@mfe.govt.nz>]

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To: Kate Ryan <Kate.Ryan@parliament.govt.nz>

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Subject: Announceables for Minister Shaw's office [IN-CONFIDENCE]

Sensitivity: Confidential

Kia ora Kate

Below is what MBIE and MfE had been working on as a summary of what we think, based on the cab paper, could be announced as goals, noting of course that further work and reporting on all these aspects needs to take place. Hopefully this helps the office be clearer on what the initial CNGP package is.

Please give me a bell if you need any further clarification.

FAQs being worked on now and will be across to you shortly.

Nga mihi

Belinda

We are launching the Carbon Neutral Public Sector programme which sets a pathway for ambitious public sector decarbonisation. The CNGP is a long-term programme that contains the following initial goals:

- 1. We will start measuring and reporting - by December 2023 we will measure our emissions, have these 3rd party verified (so our stakeholder can have confidence in the numbers), set gross emissions reductions goals and transparently report on our progress**

- All Departments, Departmental Agencies and Non-Public Service Departments will be instructed to report emissions and publish reduction plans (including gross emissions reduction targets) from the 2021/22 financial year.
- All Crown Agents and School Boards of Trustees will to be directed to report emissions and publish reduction plans from the 22/23 financial year by December 2023 (acknowledging some exemptions or a different approach to individual reporting may need to be made for entities such as the 2,416 School Boards of Trustees)
- The Reserve Bank of New Zealand, Offices of Parliament, and tertiary institutions (including the New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (NZIST)) will be encouraged to report emissions and publish reduction plans from the 22/23 financial year by December 2023.

2. We know what some of our biggest emissions sources are and how to reduce them, so we will:

- Phase out coal-fired boilers from the State sector, with a focus on removing the largest and most active by the end of 2025.
- Require agencies that are mandated to apply the Government Procurement Rules to:
 - optimise their fleets with the aim of reducing the number of vehicles, and
 - choose a battery electric vehicle (BEV), or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle if a BEV is not appropriate, when replacing vehicles (unless there are operational requirements or other circumstances that prevent them from doing so).
- Continue to deliver the approximately \$120 million left in the State Sector Decarbonisation Fund to invest in low-emissions heating, cooling, and vehicles, and energy efficient lighting.
- Implement our commitment to require NABERSNZ from January 2021 for agencies that occupy large office space (over 2,000m²) that are covered by the Property Functional Leadership mandate.
- Implement the strengthened direction regarding procurement of new government buildings to prioritise low carbon designs, building materials (such as wood) and construction processes.

3. We will offset our remaining emissions to achieve carbon neutrality

- By December 2025 it is intended that CNGP organisations will be carbon neutral

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Subject: RE: URGENT: Draft statement on carbon neutral public service
Date: Wednesday, 2 December 2020 1:23:50 PM
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Sorry, typo to clarify 'Cabinet hasn't* signed off' these yet.

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Cc: Matthew Cowie <Matthew.Cowie@mfe.govt.nz>; Kate Ryan (Parliament) <Kate.Ryan@parliament.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: URGENT: Draft statement on carbon neutral public service

Hi Laurette,

Please find the other PR with comments. Please note we've highlighted in yellow statements that are risky as Cabinet signed off on these yet, so they need to be softened.

Cheers,

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Sent: Wednesday, 2 December 2020 12:31 pm

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Subject: URGENT: Draft statement on carbon neutral public service

Importance: High

Hi team,

Could we please have the attached fact checked – the first joint PM and JS one by 12.45 and the Minister's by 1pm?

Could you please confirm this is being actioned.

Thanks,
Laurette

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Subject: RE: URGENT: Draft statement on carbon neutral public service
Date: Wednesday, 2 December 2020 12:52:57 PM
Attachments: [Carbon Neutral Govt PR - with JS \(003\).docx](#)

Kia ora Laurette

A quick skim from MfE on the first release attached. Working on the other one now and will have to you shortly. Still awaiting feedback from MBIE and EECA on factual correctness of statements on fleet/EVs, boilers, buildings etc.

Thanks

Belinda

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Backpocket Q&A for Minister Shaw

Overall

Why the focus on government efforts?

The government needs to enhance its own actions to reduce emissions to demonstrate its commitment and show leadership. We know there are huge efforts underway across the whole country to reduce emissions. It is vital government plays its part and helps lead the charge.

Why are you taking a phased approach?

A phased approach is being taken, to acknowledge the need for ongoing development as more is understood about implementation challenges and solutions that emerge, and associated costs. Any government organisations not included are still encouraged to get involved.

How many organisations will this apply to?

There are over 100 organisations part of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (not including schools).

How much is all of this going to cost?

This programme signals the start of a longer-term programme and will take a staged approach. Initially, the money for these first focus areas will come from the pre-existing State Sector Decarbonisation Fund (of which there is about \$120 million remaining) and agencies' own budgets. There is further work in process to determine future efforts required and associated costs.

What about scaling up wider funding and investment?

In future, areas of priority for emissions reductions could expand beyond the current focus on heating, vehicles and offices. Procurement spend may form part of this, with potential positive flow-on impacts as this long-term programme progresses.

Five years – is that enough time?

This programme aims to get a number of government organisations accelerating their efforts and offsetting remaining emissions by 2025. This is a long-term programme that may expand in future.

Do we know how many government organisations are already doing this?

At least 35 organisations (across central government agencies, DHBs and universities) have already begun to measure and report their emissions, many with third-party verification. And we know many more are undertaking emissions reductions activities.

Measuring, reporting and verifying + setting reduction targets and plans

Why not just get on with reducing emissions?

As the saying goes, 'You can't manage what you don't measure' - it is vital to confirm where an organisation's emissions are coming from so that efforts can be prioritised to focus on the biggest impacts. It also means efforts can be tracked over time to ensure that actions are effective in reducing emissions.

Setting targets and establishing plans means organisations can transparently manage their emissions and maintain momentum over time.

Heating

Why aren't all coal boilers being phased out?

The focus is on large and active coal boilers to ensure funding and efforts are prioritised effectively. For example, where there is a backup boiler used only rarely, it is not necessarily the most effective use of funds to prioritise replacing this with a clean alternative.

What about other types of fossil fuels used for heating by government?

Use of other fossil fuels, particularly natural gas, is also common in the government sector and is another significant source of emissions. Over time, we will also look into replacing these assets with low-emissions alternatives. Requiring agencies to measure and report will give us better data about other types of fossil fuel heating technologies, and allow us to make informed decisions based on cost and technical viability.

Vehicle fleets

Why aren't you requiring all future vehicles to be electric?

There can be instances where operational requirements prevent the use of low emissions vehicles. For example, NZ Police found they are not currently suitable to replace patrol vehicles but it is working to transition the rest of the fleet from 2021.

Office space

Why NABERSNZ not Greenstar?

NABERSNZ measures the energy and carbon performance of buildings, and is suited to driving improvements to existing commercial buildings. Greenstar incorporates a wider range of sustainability criteria and is most relevant when designing new buildings.

How does NABERSNZ reduce emissions?

NABERSNZ uses a six star rating system to measure energy performance of buildings. Mandated agencies will be required to achieve a minimum of four stars on renewed/new leases, and 5 for new builds. This means improvements will have to be made if they fall below the required standards, reducing energy use and lowering the emissions from these buildings.

Offsetting

Isn't offsetting cheating and not the best use of taxpayers' money?

This programme is being deliberately phased to focus first on measuring, reporting and reducing emissions, in line with national and international best practice. The intention is not to divert responsibility away from cutting emissions but to act as an incentive for organisation to go further and faster with reducing their emissions. Whilst this is the intent, there are a number of challenges to investigate further around the feasibility of offsetting (including the international context).

How will government organisations offset their emissions?

Work will be undertaken to investigate the feasibility, options and costs to enable organisations to offset their emissions. Officials will be reporting back on this next year to inform this later phase of the programme.

What about offsetting flights?

Air travel may be an area of future focus as we learn more about organisations' emissions profiles.

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1.3. Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP)

Following the announcements on the CNGP earlier this month, Vicky Robertson sent an email to the CEOs of all the government organisations within the CNGP programme s 9(2)(f)(iv) [redacted] outlining what was announced and what action they needed to take.

The Ministry has stepped into the interim programme co-ordination role and programme planning is underway with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE and) the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (EECA).

The Ministry is currently preparing tailored guidance for agencies on the CNGP programme including measuring and reporting their emissions inventory and we expect to have this out prior to Christmas.

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