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Thank you for your email of 2 January 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) about the Ministry for the Environment's (the Ministry's): Government Departmental Strategies (GDSs):

Sheet 1: Review of the 2023 GDS Index

Please update the status of each GDS in the yellow-highlighted column F:

(i) Write in one of three options:

'still active',

(ii) 'archived' (i.e. no longer in operation), or

(iii) 'no longer owned and operated by this government department'. If this is the case, please say who it has been transferred to (e.g. your comment might be 'transferred from MOH to Health NZ in March 2024').

Sheet 2: Potential 'new' GDSs

Has the department published a new strategy document in the 2024 calendar year that may meet the GDS definition? (Find the definition and learn more about the Index on the next page.) If so, please add a new row – one for each strategy document – and complete the yellow-highlighted columns A to D:

1. Add the strategy's title and PDF link in columns A and B. In the rare case you know of another strategy that should have been included in the 2023 GDS Index but was not, please add a further row to this sheet and provide an explanation in Column D. We are happy to retrospectively add and even archive GDSs to ensure the GDS Index keeps an accurate record.

2. In column C, write either:

(i) 'replacing an existing GDS' (and please also name the GDS it replaces in column C), or

(ii) 'completely new strategy document'.

3. Add any additional information in column D.

The Ministry has reviewed the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that you have provided and provided a response in Column F for each Government Department Strategy (GDS) allocated to the Ministry in Sheet 1.

We have also provided you with some contextual notes for some of the strategies in Column T. Please note that we are of the view that two of the strategies do not meet your definition of a GDS and should not be included in the GDS Index.

I have added two new strategies that the Ministry is responsible for in Sheet 2. These are "New Zealand's second emissions reduction plan – Tā Aotearoa mahere whakaheke tukunga tuarua" and "Responding to a changing climate: The Government's climate strategy".

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my response relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found 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 black ink, appearing to read 'DR Ryan', with a horizontal line underneath.

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