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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your email of 18 February 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am acting for claimants before the Waitangi Tribunal in its urgent inquiry into climate change policy. Your website notes:

From December 2023:

- all crown agencies are to report their emissions, gross emissions reduction targets and reduction plans from the 2022/2023 financial year onwards

- See All of Government direction [Parliament] The direction begins:

Direction to support a Whole-of-Government Approach, Given to the House of Representatives by the Minister for the Public Service and the Minister of Finance Under Section 107 of the Crown Entities Act 2004

1. The Minister for the Public Service and the Minister of Finance, pursuant to section 107 of the Crown Entities Act 2004, direct the agencies subject to this direction as follows:

- All Crown Agents (as referenced in the Crown Entities Act 2004, Schedule 1 Part 1) must give effect to all of the requirements in clause 5.

I have two questions.

1. Can you advise what progress has been made under the direction?

2. Have there been any directions from the Coalition Government in relation to this work?

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has addressed each part of your request in turn below.

1. Can you advise what progress has been made under the direction?

Reporting to the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) is due to the Ministry secretariat by 1 December each year. We are currently analysing the data from the 2024 submissions and using that to inform a report of those results which will be sent to the Minister of Climate Change in the next few months. Once those results are approved, we will update our website to reflect the most current reporting year of 2024. You can find results from the 2023 reporting year here: environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/climate-change/carbon-neutral-government-programme/tracking-progress/

2. Have there been any directions from the Coalition Government in relation to this work?

The Ministry has received a number of questions regarding the future of the CNGP. To help answer some of these queries, there is a publicly available response here: environment.govt.nz/oia-releases/information-relating-to-the-carbon-neutral-government-programme-cngp/. This includes briefings and policy advice to the current Government regarding the CNGP. The existing Cabinet direction remains in force and the Government has not yet given any further direction on the programme. There is policy under active consideration with the Government.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decision, 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.

Nāku noa, nā



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