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Thank you for your email of 23 June 2024 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

We are conducting research into the data capability of the New Zealand Public Service. We intend to conduct annual surveys across a sample of Public Service Organisations, however at this stage we are forming an initial baseline view from which to build from. The questions we'd like answered are:

- Which role within the organisation is responsible for the overall strategic direction of data systems and processes, and at which level (e.g., Tier 1, 2, 3) within the organisation's hierarchy? Please briefly describe the key responsibilities of this role.*
- Does the Organisation have a published Data Strategy? If yes, please provide the document and briefly describe how it is being implemented.*
- Does the organisation make use of, or reference to, the Data Capability Framework (DCF) published by Statistics New Zealand?*

The Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) has provided a response to each of your questions below:

Question 1: *Which role within the organisation is responsible for the overall strategic direction of data systems and processes, and at which level (e.g., Tier 1, 2, 3) within the organisation's hierarchy? Please briefly describe the key responsibilities of this role.*

Response: The responsibility for the overall strategic direction of data systems and processes is currently split across 3 tier 3 roles at the Ministry:

System: General Manager - Science and Data Systems

- Investment in science.
- Development and management of the indicator framework.
- Steward for the environmental evidence base.

Platform: General Manager - Information and Technology

- Data management, tooling and governance, reporting standards and tooling, and corporate reporting.
- Responsible for data ingestion, access, transformation, management, warehousing, and governance.
- Growing the Ministry's data and reporting capabilities.
- Data maturity assessment and action plan.

Products: General Manager - Evidence/Data and Insights

- Technical content and statutory reporting.
- Analytics and modelling.
- Steward for climate and environment reporting products and geospatial data and platforms.

Question 2: *Does the Organisation have a published Data Strategy? If yes, please provide the document and briefly describe how it is being implemented.*

Response: The Ministry does not have a published Data Strategy. Our previous digital strategy, which included the data strategy, expired in 2023. We are in the process of developing a new strategy, and it will be published on our website when it is completed.

Question 3: *Does the organisation make use of, or reference to, the Data Capability Framework (DCF) published by Statistics New Zealand?*

Response: Yes.

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

Nāku noa, nā,

Electronically approved by Megan Hurnard

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