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Thank you for your email of 4 August 2024 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to find out information about the dollar value and type of information when services are procured from the agency Toitu Envirocare. The questions below apply for the financial years FY21, FY22 and FY23. Please report by year.

- 1) What was the dollar value of services procured by MfE from Toitu?*
- 2) Of those services procured, what value was direct-source procured (no tender or multiple quote process) versus the value which went through tender/ quote process.*
- 3) Of those services direct-source procured, what was the type of service procured from Toitu? And what was the reason for not performing an open procurement process?*

The Ministry has provided responses to your questions below.

Please see the below table in response to questions one and two of your request:

Description	Start Date	End Date	Original Contract Value	Total Contract Value	Process Type
2023 Update to Measuring Emissions: a guide for organisation	10/03/2023	7/07/2023	\$ 65,351	\$ 89,315	Closed Tender (Primary)
Technical Advice Panel Measuring Emissions Toitū Envirocare	14/02/2022	18/03/2022	\$ 11,264	\$ 11,264	Direct Source (Primary)
Voluntary Carbon Market – input from Toitū Envirocare	11/07/2022	25/08/2022	\$ 14,970	\$ 14,970	Direct Source (Primary)
Update of the Measuring Emissions Guide	5/02/2024	29/06/2024	\$ 138,202	\$ 138,202	Direct Source (Primary) - following unsuccessful closed tender

GreenHouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and Auditing Services	1/04/2023	31/03/2026	\$ 15,000	\$ 45,000	Closed Tender (Primary)
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Please see the below table in response to question three:

Description	Type of Service	Reason for not performing an open procurement process
Technical Advice Panel Measuring Emissions Toitū Envirocare	Technical advice on the methodology of emission factors and the text of the '2022 Measuring emissions' guidance. The suppliers were expected to attend panel meetings to discuss their advice with other suppliers on the panel.	<i>Known technical experts, whose expertise suited the content required to review the guidance update, were contacted directly for this contract. A previous procurement followed a Request for Quote being sent to six suppliers, which resulted in Toitū Envirocare being appointed as the preferred supplier.</i>
Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM) – input from Toitū Envirocare	The procurement was to seek input from offset providers on what their requirements are for a well-functioning VCM. The deliverable was a short report highlighting the offset providers' recommendations for developing a VCM framework, and a prioritisation of what is needed and over what timeframe.	<p>This was a direct source procurement with both Toitū Envirocare and Ekos due to their expertise and understanding of the voluntary carbon market in New Zealand. As offset providers they have proven experience in this field.</p> <p>The input we were seeking was to help inform the start of a new work programme for the Ministry. We clarified in the contract that this did not mean that we would necessarily incorporate their advice in our work programme. We considered the possibility of reaching out to other offset providers at a later date, depending on the progress of this work programme.</p>

Update of the Measuring Emissions Guide	The update to the Measuring Emissions Guide included recalculating emissions factors with more recent activity data and updating the guidance documents.	The Ministry first put out a closed source tender with other providers (not including Toitū Envirocare), but we did not receive any responses. Following this unsuccessful tender we did a direct source procurement with Toitū Envirocare as they had delivered similar work in the past.
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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,



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