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Thank you for your email of 12 May 2023 to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Would it be possible to have a list of the times (and for which entities) that clause 5ZW of the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019 has been utilised since coming into effect?*

*Also, would it be possible to have a list of the entities that are voluntarily preparing information in accordance with 5ZW (without the Minister or Commission requesting it).*

On 20 July 2023, the Ministry contacted you to advise that your request had not been logged in our systems when it was originally received due to human error. I apologise for this delay in the Ministry's response to your information request.

The Ministry made one request under section 5ZW of the Climate Change Response Act 2002. This request was made on 3 September 2020 under delegated authority from the Minister of Climate Change.

In the request, the Ministry asked for high-level information from around 400 organisations with policy and service delivery functions (reporting entities under section 5ZW) on how they are preparing for the impacts of climate change. Organisations included:

- central government agencies
- local government agencies
- lifeline utilities
- state-owned enterprises
- public-finance companies
- crown entities
- council-controlled organisations
- law and defence.

The Ministry received 220 responses to this request. Of respondents, 10% were central government, 28% were local government, 23% were lifeline utilities, 26% were state services, and 13% were council-controlled organisations.

The Ministry does not hold a list of entities that are voluntarily preparing information in accordance with section 5ZW. Therefore, I must refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act, as the document requested does not exist. However, I note your interest in understanding the way the public sector is producing TCFD-like information and provide links to the following publicly available reports which I hope are helpful:

- [Our sustainability | Ministry for the Environment](#)
- [Sustainability at Kāinga Ora :: Kāinga Ora – Homes and Communities \(kaingaora.govt.nz\)](#)
- [Sustainability – Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand](#)
- [Our climate change strategy - Reserve Bank of New Zealand - Te Pūtea Matua \(rbnz.govt.nz\)](#)
- [FENZ-Climate-Response-Strategy-Sept-2022.pdf \(fireandemergency.nz\)](#)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions 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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that, due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry 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](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi



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