

17 February 2023

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Tēnā koe s9(2)(a)

I refer to your request received on 7 February 2023, which has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), for the following information:

- *Please detail each annual carbon travel limit Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH) has, including those for full-time staff, part-time staff, casual staff, contractors and consultants.*
- *In the past 12 months (1 February 2022 to 1 February 2023), how many of the MCH carbon travel limits were reached, if any?*
- *If any carbon travel limits were reached, when were they reached (e.g. August 31, 2022, 4 months before the annual period ended)?*
- *If any carbon travel limits were reached, how much travel is recorded after the day they were reached within the annual period (e.g. 54 kilometres of travel were recorded over the annual limit in 2022)?*
- *What changes are implemented if a carbon travel limit is reached?*
- *When were carbon travel limits introduced for MCH?*
- *How many years, since carbon travel limits were introduced, has MCH recorded travel in excess of the annual limit?*

At present Manatū Taonga does not have a carbon travel limit, however, it does intend to put one in place. The Ministry is considering a policy for the 2023/24 financial year. For further information on Manatū Taonga's climate-related work you may be interested in the following link:

<https://mch.govt.nz/climate-related-work-manatu-taonga>

Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information you have requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [oia@mch.govt.nz](mailto:oia@mch.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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