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Dear [s 9(2)(a)]

Response to your official information request

Thank you for your official information request received on 1 February 2022 for information on what stage Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is at in becoming carbon neutral by 2025.

A response to each of your questions is outlined below.

Do you have a carbon plan by 2025 and if so what's the official wording of it?

LINZ is a member of the Toitū Envirocare programme. Toitū Envirocare are LINZ's supplier for measurement and audit to satisfy the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) requirements.

LINZ is developing a Carbon Neutral Plan based on its Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Report and an Emissions Management Reduction Plan for the 2019/20 financial year.

Carbon emissions assessment and reporting is currently being undertaken by Toitū Envirocare for 2020/21 and 2021/22.

Have you got a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team and are they trained/experts?

LINZ has set-up an internal sustainability group to support the CNGP requirements.

There are approximately 14 members in the team several of whom have had some formal training via either tertiary educational qualifications or an approved AOG/GPG course.

Our Manager of Property and Facilities is a Chartered Surveyor with over 25 years' experience in the construction and property sectors and has delivered several sustainable and renewable technology programmes in both the United Kingdom and Europe and is well placed to lead the sustainability squad/team and CNGP for LINZ.

How much carbon do you omit/how are your carbon emissions measured?

Toitū Envirocare are LINZ's certified suppliers for measurement and auditing to satisfy the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) requirements. All emissions are measured in line with the guidelines ISO 14064-1

LINZ's carbon emissions for 2019/20 were calculated as being 926.5 tCO₂e for the organisation.

When do you plan to phase out coal?

LINZ does not have coal emissions.

Have you transitioned to EVs and or hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?

Following a fleet optimisation review LINZ has reduced its fleet by 33%.

In addition to the reduction in vehicle numbers, a review of vehicle type and fuel source has been undertaken and provisions have been made to replace the vehicles with more energy efficient models including a new hybrid.

The effect is a reduction in LINZ's CO₂ emissions from 1,179 gram/km to 643 gram/km, a 54% reduction in emissions overall.

How far along are you in meeting the NABERSNZ rating requirements for large buildings?

LINZ Property and Facilities Team have begun to assess the current NABERSNZ ratings of all their building, and measures are in place to comply with the requirements and standards of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme.

LINZ remains committed to achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2025 and Carbon Zero by 2030. The changes that have been implemented to date go a long way to achieving the global commitments made by New Zealand Government in 2021.

I trust the above information provided adequately answers your queries; however, should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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