

Reference: 20200233



3 August 2020



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 7 July 2020. You requested:

*Kia ora,*

*This is a request for the following information under the terms of the Official Information Act.*

*- What was the agency's total greenhouse gas footprint in the most recent year in which records exist (if such records exist)? Please provide a breakdown of those emissions if they are available.*

*- Does the agency have a policy of requiring employees and/or contractors to offset work-related emissions, eg domestic or international flights?*

*- Does the agency have an emissions reduction plan, or emissions reduction targets, either in place or in development? If so, please provide details of the plan and/or targets.*

*Please let me know if I can clarify or refine my request.*

*This information will be used in a report on emissions policies within the state sector.*

*Many thanks,*



The Treasury does not currently have total greenhouse gas emissions data or records. However, in January of this year, we signed onto the Toitū carbon reduce programme that will require the measurement and independent verification (in accordance with ISO 14064-1) of our greenhouse gas emissions as an organisation. Depending on the availability of auditors, we hope to have this data verified and available in October of this year.

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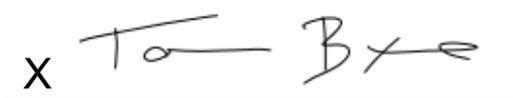
The Treasury does not have a policy of requiring employees and/or contractors to offset work-related emissions.

As part of the Toitū carbon reduce programme the Treasury is required to develop an emissions reduction plan and emission reduction targets. Once we have a verified calculation of our greenhouse gas emissions for the baseline year 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020, we will be in a position to develop our plan and targets to reduce these emissions.

Thank you for your interest in this matter, and please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Byrne". The signature is written in a cursive style. To the left of the signature is a small "X" mark. The entire signature and "X" are enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Signed by: Tom Byrne

Tom Byrne  
Chief Information Officer