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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 7 February 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to carbon travel limits. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

- 1. Please detail each annual carbon travel limit Te Manatū mō Ngā Iwi o te Moana-nui-ā-Kiwa Ministry for Pacific Peoples (MPP) has, including those for full-time staff, part-time staff, casual staff, contractors and consultants.*
- 2. In the past 12 months (1 February 2022 to 1 February 2023), how many of the MPP carbon travel limits were reached, if any?*
- 3. If any carbon travel limits were reached, when were they reached (e.g. August 31, 2022, 4 months before the annual period ended)?*
- 4. 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)?*
- 5. What changes are implemented if a carbon travel limit is reached?*
- 6. When were carbon travel limits introduced for MPP?*
- 7. How many years, since carbon travel limits were introduced, has MPP recorded travel in excess of the annual limit?*

The Ministry does not have set carbon travel limits for staff. Work is underway to understand our highest carbon emissions besides travel, to accurately measure our baseline and develop a work programme to become carbon neutral. The measures include energy-efficient lighting, reducing office waste and work to potentially reduce our fleet and a phased move to hybrid/electric vehicles.

Based on the Ministry's recalculated baseline, we expect to review our travel policy and monitor travel behaviour for improvement. We receive monthly travel reports for air travel and our fleet and are using this to monitor our travel behaviour to identify improvements that support carbon neutrality.

As the Ministry does not have set carbon travel limits for staff, I must refuse your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information requested does not exist.

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Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: uia_requests@mpp.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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