

14 October 2021



**Re: Official Information Act request – Fossil Fuels**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 16 August 2021 to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the transfer from MoH to Auckland DHB on 2 September requesting the following information:

1. A list of all hospital, mental health wards, psychiatric care facilities, rest homes & healthcare facilities as well as administrative & miscellaneous buildings the Ministry of Health knows are using fossil fuels, with a breakdown of fossil fuel type, and region.
2. An outline of any plans that the Ministry of Health or Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority have to transition these institutions off fossil fuels, and the names of these institutions and the transition plan.

**Response:**

- 1. A list of all hospital, mental health wards, psychiatric care facilities, rest homes & healthcare facilities as well as administrative & miscellaneous buildings the Ministry of Health knows are using fossil fuels, with a breakdown of fossil fuel type, and region.**

We are answering for Auckland DHB-operated facilities.

At the Grafton, Greenlane and Point Chevalier campuses and DHB-directly leased buildings Auckland DHB operates:

- natural gas with diesel back-up for the central plant boilers at Grafton
- natural gas for the boilers at the Greenlane campus and
- natural gas for the boiler at Point Chevalier.

Electricity is used to power hospital buildings, leased buildings, mental health buildings and wards.

We do not hold the information about healthcare providers in the community such as aged care facilities that you have requested. We decline this part of part of your request under section 18(g) of the OIA because Auckland DHB does not hold the information.

**2. An outline of any plans that the Ministry of Health or Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority have to transition these institutions off fossil fuels, and the names of these institutions and the transition plan.**

We are answering for Auckland DHB.

We do not yet have funded plans to transition off fossil fuels and decline your request under section 18(g) of the OIA because Auckland DHB does not hold the information.

There have been early discussions with the Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority on the conversion of the boilers referred to above but implementation is dependent on funding to increase electrical load and associated electrical infrastructure on all three of our campuses.

I trust this information answers your questions.

You are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully



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