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**Re Official Information Request for Carbon Neutral Planning Information**

I refer to your official information request dated 04 February 2022 for the following information

**I write to you on behalf of the Public Sector Carbon Neutrality Accountability Project (PSCNAP). This project seeks to ascertain at what stage public sector departments/agencies are in transitioning their department/agency to becoming carbon neutral by 2025.**

**I write to you under the Official Information Act and request the following information:**

- 1. Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?**
- 2. Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?**
- 3. How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?**
- 4. If coal is still in use at your facilities, when do you plan to phase it out?**
- 5. Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?**

**Response:**

- 1. Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?**

No, we don't have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, but this is now a priority.

- 2. Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?**

Yes. We have established two CNGP working groups (WG). The first is the Data Collection WG and second an Emissions Reduction WG. The two WGs will work in parallel. As CNGP requirements will impact on the entire organisation we will bring together each specialist service with the expertise and experience to develop internal capability for carbon accounting.

The Data Collection WG comprises a core of seven subject matter experts representing services such as, Commercial services (Contracts, Staff commuting, Fleet, Transport, Food Services, Leasing, retail), Facilities, Hospital Operations, Human Resources, Information technology, national and regional procurement agencies (NZ HP, MBIE, HealthSource). Additional subject matter experts will be invited as this work scales up such as Pharmac, suppliers and other third parties.

The Emissions Reduction WG comprises of a similar cohort of stakeholders (seven). In addition to the operational expertise, this group manages the planning, the budgets and work programmes at a service/organisational level. Therefore they hold senior executive positions within their respective areas of expertise.

Each WG will develop a project plan and report progress to the executive led Sustainability Steering Group.

### 3. How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?

The DHB has been reporting its greenhouse gas emissions since 2015 and certified them with the Toitū Envirocare Carbon Reduce programme. The certified emissions reported are set out below.

	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
tCo2e	36892	31388	29218	26611	28840	23323	16742

### 4. If coal is still in use at your facilities, when do you plan to phase it out?

No coal is used in any of our facilities.

### 5. Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?

#### 5.1) Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids?

We are taking steps to transition and to replace our petrol-driven fleet. We currently have 38 hybrid cars in the fleet.

#### 5.2) Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?

No. This will begin once the first stage of the transition referred to at 5.1 is complete.

### 6. What the process will be to ensure compliance of contractors in carbon neutral government programme

Tender criteria will include alignment with CNGP. The CNGP working committee will implement a data-reporting tool to quantify and monitor emissions by contractors and work with contractors (and suppliers) to align with CNGP requirements.

I trust this information answers your questions.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ailsa Claire".

Ailsa Claire, OBE  
**Chief Executive**