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20 March 2026

Dear 9(2)(a)

Re: Carbon Neutral Government Programme Official Information Act Request

I refer to your official information request we received on 25th February (provided in Appendix 1). As we informed you on 5th March, we are able to respond to only point (ii) of your request and the Ministry for the Environment will respond to the remaining components of your request.

Appendix 2 of this letter provides you with excerpts of all Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) related information within EECA Leadership Team papers from 1 May 2025 to the date of your request. The information primarily relates to updates about the ongoing administration of the State Sector Decarbonisation Fund which was formed as part of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme.

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.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/about/news-and-corporate/official-information/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1: Your Official Information Act Request

- i. *“All advice to Ministers regarding the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) since 1 May 2025*
- ii. *All papers to EECA’s leadership team regarding the CNGP since 1 May 2025*
- iii. *All cabinet papers regarding the CNGP since 1 May 2025*
- iv. *All correspondence sent and received from Ministers and their Offices regarding the Carbon Neutral Government Programme since 1 May 2025”.*

Appendix 2: LT Paper Excerpts of CNGP related information from 1 May 2025 to 25 February 2026.

Excerpts from LT Dashboard pack as at 31 May 2025:

Performance Measures (SPEs and Estimates):

5. Number of CNGP projects that become operational during the financial year (*no change*)
8. Number of SSDF projects that become operational during the financial year (*no change*)

Financial Position:

FINANCIAL POSITION									
Programme		Commitments 2024/25				Expenditure 2024/25			
		Committed this FY	Full year budget (FYI)	Full year forecast	Variance to forecast	Expended this FY	Full year budget (FYI)	Full year forecast	Variance to forecast
M037 - CNGP	FIS	(500,693)	725,000	725,000	1,225,693	4,535,763	6,771,000	6,771,000	2,235,237
M034 - State Sector Decarbonisation (not SSDF)	FIS	631,511	2,500,000	1,025,000	393,489	1,330,595	540,000	2,400,000	1,069,405
	Other					1,016	30,000	0	(1,016)

Key programme updates:

Carbon Neutral Govt. (CNGP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost containment has impacted this programme.
State Sector Decarb. Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost containment across the public sector continues to impact this work programme. The Te Whatu Ora Energy Transition Programme paused new approvals for this financial year, but are restarting their internal approval processes in June pending capital availability. MBIE is planning on discussing SSDF progress with the Minister to test the Minister's views on project delays, available funding not committed to specific projects and significant time extensions.
State Sector Decarb. (not SSDF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost containment across the public sector continues to impact this work programme, but the interest in restarting activities seen in March and April continues, with \$172k co-funding signed in May.

SPE and Estimates Measures:

SPE AND ESTIMATES MEASURES					
Type	Measure	Target	Latest result	RAG	Explanation
SPE	Number of SSDF projects that become operational during the FY	85 projects	51 projects	Red	Reprioritisation of public funds has caused ETP approvals and delaying existing projects.
SPE	Expected annual emissions versus actual annual emissions reductions for SSDF projects completed during the FY	80% of expected reductions	92% of expected reductions	Green	Based on 30 carbon savings reports verified during FY.
SPE	Number of Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) projects that become operational during the FY	14 projects	12 projects	Red	SPE won't be met (delays). Expect 13 projects at year end.

Excerpts from LT Dashboard pack as at 31 July 2025:

Legacy Programmes:

Call-outs this month

- SSDE: one project with University of Canterbury cancelled (\$4.5 mil). Health ETP approvals have recommenced.

Performance Measures:

Measure	Target	Latest result	Year-end forecast	Prev. RAG	Current RAG	Explanation
Expected annual emissions reductions versus actual annual emissions reductions for SSDF projects completed during FY	At least 80% of expected reductions achieved	83.5%	-		Green	Based on one report received so far this FY

Detailed updates and risks (key programmes only):

Work programme	Brief bullets on progress and next steps	Risks, barriers and things to flag
SSDF and other public sector	Health ETP approvals have recommended with 5 additional projects now approved.	• The Minister has agreed to terminate University of Canterbury – Dovedale (\$4.5M).

Excerpts from LT Dashboard pack as at 31 August 2025:

Statement of Performance Measures (SPEs) Results as at 31 August 2025:

No.	Programme	Measure	Target	Result	Prev.	Current	Notes
16	State Sector Decarbonisation Fund (SSDF)	Expected vs. actual annual emissions reductions for SSDE projects completed during the financial year	At least 80%	131%			• Result is based on five reports received this financial year.

Core work programme updates:

- SSDF: Minister has agreed to terminate University of Canterbury Dovedale project (\$4.5M).

Excerpts from LT Dashboard pack as at 30 September 2025:

Statement of Performance Measures (SPEs) Results as at 30 September 2025:

No.	Programme	Measure	Target	Result	Prev.	Current	Notes
16	State Sector Decarbonisation Fund (SSDF)	Expected vs. actual annual emissions reductions for SSDE projects completed during the financial year	At least 80%	120.6%			• Result is based on 16 reports received this financial year.

Core work programme updates:

- Project withdrawals this quarter:
- 1 x SSDF

Excerpts from LT Dashboard pack as at 30 October 2025:

Statement of Performance Measures (SPEs) Results as at 30 October 2025:

No.	Programme	Measure	Target	Result	Prev.	Current	Notes
16	State Sector Decarbonisation Fund (SSDF)	Expected vs. actual annual emissions reductions for SSDE projects completed during the financial year	At least 80%	115.3%			• Result is based on 17 reports received this financial year.

Core work programme updates:

- SSDE: 258 of 329 active SSDF projects (80%) now operational.

Excerpts from LT Dashboard pack as at 31 December 2025:

Statement of Performance Measures (SPEs) Results as at 31 December 2025:

No.	Programme	Measure	Target	Result	Prev.	Current	Notes
16	State Sector Decarbonisation Fund (SSDF)	Expected vs. actual annual emissions reductions for SSDE projects completed during the financial year	At least 80%	113%			• Result is based on 18 reports received this financial year.

Core work programme updates:

- SSDE: 259 of 329 active SSDF projects (79%) now operational.

Excerpts from LT Dashboard pack as at 31 January 2026:

Statement of Performance Measures (SPEs) Results as at 31 January 2026:

No.	Programme	Measure	Target	Result	Prev.	Current	Notes
16	State Sector Decarbonisation Fund (SSDF)	Expected vs. actual annual emissions reductions for SSDE projects completed during the financial year	At least 80%	112.96%			• Result is based on 19 reports received this financial year.

Core work programme updates:

- SSDE: 328 of 346 active SSDF projects (95%) now operational.