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By email: **s 9(2)(a)**  
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### **Response to your request for official information**

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) and Te Aho o Te Kahu - Cancer Control Agency on 1 February 2022 for information about the Ministry's carbon neutrality goals. As Te Aho o Te Kahu is a departmental agency hosted by the Ministry, this response covers both agencies, and I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

#### *1. When do you plan to phase out coal?*

The Ministry does not heat any of its offices using coal boilers. This excludes district health boards (DHBs) that separately report on their energy sources.

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

The Ministry has replaced about half of its fleet with hybrid or fully electric vehicles (EVs). The transition has been paused until the implications of the Health and Disability System Reforms on the size of the Ministry's fleet is fully understood.

#### *3. How far along are you in meeting the NABERSNZ rating requirement for large buildings?*

The Ministry leases space in one building that meets the threshold for requiring a NABERNZ assessment, namely 133 Molesworth St, Wellington. This has been assessed as a five-star rated building and is due for reassessment this year.

I trust this information fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests).

Nāku noa, nā



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