



Ref. no. DOIA 2021-0246

31 August 2021

Liz Simons

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Dear Liz,

I refer to your email of 31 July 2021 to the Ministry of Transport, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

With the government incentive structure for EVs coming in. Under the Official Information Act what are the procurement requirements for government ministries, departments, agencies and the wider public sector on the purchase of vehicles and EVs? The government has known for a long time about the need to convert our cars to EVs but it seems there is no strict requirements for new government fleets.

On 2 August 2021 your request was transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) in accordance with section 14 of the Act, as the information requested is more closely aligned with the functions of the Ministry.

The Ministry's response to your request is provided below.

As part of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme (CNGP) announced on 2 December 2020, the Government has set the expectation that mandated agencies are required to optimise their car fleet with the aim of reducing the number of vehicles in the Government fleet. Additionally, agencies mandated to follow the Government Procurement Rules are required to purchase a battery electric vehicle (BEV) or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) where a BEV is not appropriate for the required use, unless their operational requirements or other circumstances require otherwise. This approach will result in the progressive reduction of emissions from the government's light vehicle fleet.

The All-of-Government Motor Vehicles contract is managed by New Zealand Government Procurement and has a range of BEVs and PHEVs on the catalogue for agencies to purchase. Agency vehicle replacement decisions are determined by each agency, not New Zealand Government Procurement.

Should you wish to discuss the All-of-Government Motor Vehicles contract, please contact Lisa Julian, Acting Manager Supplier Relationships & Contracts for New Zealand Government Procurement at lisa.julian@mbie.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Perkins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matt Perkins
Acting Director Delivery Services
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