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OIA481

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Dear Antony,

Thank you for your email of 24 March 2026 sent to Hon Simon Watts requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

"Under the Official Information Act 1982, I am requesting the following information regarding New Zealand's national fuel security and reserves:

Historical Stock Levels: A dataset or report showing the average monthly fuel reserve levels (measured in "days of cover") held within New Zealand over the past 30 years.

Reason for Request:

There is a perceived lack of historical context in current media reporting, which may lead to public concern without a baseline for comparison. Understanding the long-term trends of our fuel supply is essential for informed public discourse."

This OIA was subsequently transferred to our office on 25 March 2026.

This letter is to notify you that I am transferring your request to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, in accordance with section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, which allows me to transfer any request that is believed to be more closely aligned with the functions of another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

This is because the information requested is more closely connected with the functions of the department.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Shane Jones'.

Hon Shane Jones
Minister for Resources