

15 February 2023

By email to: [REDACTED] Redacted pursuant to s 9(2)(a) OIA to protect privacy of natural persons

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Request for information about carbon travel limits (CON0011242)

We refer to your email to the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) dated 7 February 2023 in which you requested access to the following information:

- 1. Please detail each annual carbon travel limit Te Tari Hara Tāware Serious Fraud Office has, including those for full-time staff, part-time staff, casual staff, contractors and consultants.*
- 2. In the past 12 months (1 February 2022 to 1 February 2023) how many of the SFO carbon travel limits were reached, if any?*
- 3. If any carbon travel limits were reached, when were they reached (e.g. August 31, 2022, 4 months before the annual period ended)?*
- 4. If any carbon travel limits were reached, how much travel is recorded after the day they were reached within the annual period (e.g. 54 kilometres of travel were recorded over the annual limit in 2022)?*
- 5. What changes are implemented if a carbon travel limit is reached?*
- 6. When were carbon travel limits introduced for SFO?*
- 7. How many years, since carbon travel limits were introduced, has SFO recorded travel in excess of the annual limit?*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where there is a broader public interest. Our response to your request may be published at sfo.govt.nz, with any personal information removed.

Decision

Questions 1 and 6

We can advise that the SFO has not implemented a specific annual carbon travel limit policy.

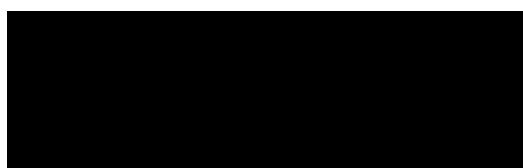
The SFO complies with our obligations under the Carbon Neutral Government Programme, which requires the SFO to measure, verify and report our emissions annually and have a plan to reduce emissions. Practical measures we have implemented include the compulsory consideration of carbon emissions when staff choose their travel options.

Questions 2-5 and 7

As no policy is currently in place, no carbon limits have been reached in the last year or prior, and no changes have been made to SFO operations as a result.

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

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