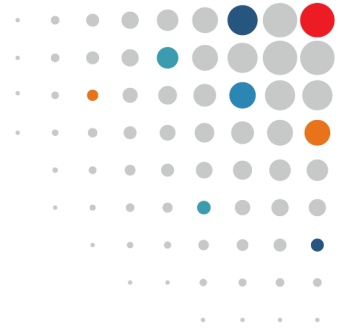




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Thank you for your email on 6 November requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982:

We request the following information:

- *Is your agencies continuing to pursue the carbon neutral public service targets?*
- *If so please provide any documents showing how this is being implemented*
- *The total spend on this target broken down by year since the targets were implemented (including but not limited to internal staff numbers, external spend, capital spend, offset spend)?*
- *Total EV's brought since the targets were implemented broken down by year?*
- *Please provide notes on type of car.*
- *Total spent on agency emissions inventories by year since implementation.*
- *Please provide the most recent inventory.*
- *How much is spent on voluntary carbon offsets? (Not the ETS)*
- *Please provide information on consultants for this and the total offsets.*
- *Any consideration or actions involving Agricultural emissions.*

We have interpreted your question to relate to the Social Investment Agency, which came into existence on 1 July 2024, following the disestablishment of the Social Wellbeing Agency (SWA). We have also provided information relating to the Social Wellbeing Agency, as the functions of the agency were transferred to the Social Investment Agency. We have not included internal staff costs as it is not possible to attribute the FTE cost.

Is your agencies continuing to pursue the carbon neutral public service targets?
-If so please provide any documents showing how this is being implemented

The Social Wellbeing Agency's *Carbon Inventory and Reduction Plan 2022* includes information on SWA's aims and requirements to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. This document is publicly available on SIA website and in the table below. <https://www.sia.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Social-Wellbeing-Agency-Annual-Report-2024.pdf>

While the SWA was disestablished on 30 June 2024, the *Carbon Inventory and Reduction Plan - 2024 Update* will soon be published on the SIA website with SWA's progress against the goals and carbon reporting as of 30 June 2024. Going forward, the Social Investment Agency intends to use the SWA Plan as the basis to implement our own carbon neutral public service targets.

Additional information regarding progress against SWA's carbon reduction goals is also available in its *Annual Report 2023-2024*. This document is publicly available on SIA website and in the table below. <https://www.sia.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Social-Wellbeing-Agency-Annual-Report-2024.pdf>

The total spend on this target broken down by year since the targets were implemented (including but not limited to internal staff numbers, external spend, capital spend, offset spend)?

The following table outlines total spend on the carbon neutral public service targets:

Time period	Description	Total cost \$ ex GST
July 2019 to June 2022	The initial verification of greenhouse gas emissions inventory and report for the Social Wellbeing Agency - Toi Hau Tangata	4,742.00
July 2022 to June 2023	SWA Greenhouse Gas Verification	2,700.00
1 July 23 to 30 June 24	SWA Carbon Audit fee for measure period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024	2706.75

Please note we have not included internal staff costs as it is not possible to attribute the FTE cost.

Total EV's brought since the targets were implemented broken down by year?

-Please provide notes on type of car.

Neither SIA nor SWA own or owned any type of vehicle, therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e).

Total spent on agency emissions inventories by year since implementation.

-Please provide the most recent inventory.

The Social Wellbeing Agency's Carbon Inventory and Reduction Plan 2022 is publicly available on SIA's website. SWA did not spend on any money on this.

The Social Investment Agency has not spent any money on agency emissions inventories therefore your request is refused under section 18(e).

How much is spent on voluntary carbon offsets? (Not the ETS)

-Please provide information on consultants for this and the total offsets.

Neither SWA nor SIA has spent any money on voluntary carbon offsets, or engaged consultants for offsets therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) as the information does not exist.

Any consideration or actions involving Agricultural emissions.

Neither SIA nor SWA produce any agricultural emissions, therefore this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) as the information does not exist.

Information publicly available

The following information is referenced in this response and is publicly available on the Social Investment Agency website:

Item	Date	Document Description	Website Address
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1	September 2022	Carbon Emissions Inventory and Reduction Plan	https://sia.govt.nz/assets/SWA-Carbon-emissions-inventory-and-reduction-plan-2022.pdf
2.	2023-2024	Social Wellbeing Agency Annual Report (as part of the Public Service Commission's report)	https://www.sia.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Social-Wellbeing-Agency-Annual-Report-2024.pdf

Accordingly, I have refused your request for the documents listed in the above table under section 18(d) of the Official Information Act:

- the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you have a right to seek an investigation or review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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