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REF: OIA-12677

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 15 May 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Q1 Please describe the nature of your organisation: ie: District or City Council, Regional Council, other govt agency.

Other government agency

Q2 How many vehicles do you currently have in your vehicle fleet?

Waka Kotahi has 166 passenger vehicles in our fleet as at 30 April 2023

Q3 How many are hybrid or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (HEV/PHEV)?

We have nine Plug In Hybrid (PHEV) vehicles in the Waka Kotahi fleet as at 30 April 2023

Q5 How many of these are battery-powered electric vehicle (BEV)?

We have 81 battery electric vehicles (BEV) in our fleet as at 30 April 2023

Q7 How many internal combustion engine vehicles (ICE) do you have?

We have 76 Internal combustion engine vehicles (ICE) in our fleet as at 30 April 2023

Q8 How many diesel or petrol utility vehicles do you have?

We have 34 diesel utility vehicles (utes) in our fleet of 166 passenger vehicles, at 30 April 2023

Q9 Do you have any vehicles that use an alternative fuel? eg. Hydrogen, Bio-fuel

No

Q10 Do you expect your fleet size will change over the next five years?

- o **We expect our fleet will reduce in size (1)**
- o We expect our fleet will stay the same (2)
- o We expect our fleet will increase in size (3)

Q11 Do you have GPS tracking/fleet telematics installed?

- No, we don't (1)
- We have this in progress (2)
- Yes, we do (3)**

Q12 How many electric vehicle chargers do you have available on-site for your fleet vehicles?
Waka Kotahi has 114 EV chargers; 81 are installed at our office locations nationwide, and we have 33 EV chargers installed at staff members' homes for assigned Waka Kotahi vehicles. Home chargers remain the property of Waka Kotahi, and are installed where is it identified that a charger meets our business requirements.

End of Block: Fleet Composition

Start of Block: Fleet Strategy

Q13 Does your organisation have a strategy in place to decarbonise your vehicle fleet?

- No, we do not (1)
- It is in progress (2)
- Yes, we do (3)**

Q14 If you answered yes, how many years do you expect it will take before your fleet is fully electric?

- 0 - 5 years (1)**
- 5 - 10 years (2)
- 10 - 15 years (3)
- 15 years + (4)

Q15 Has your organisation undertaken a Fleet Optimisation study to inform its decarbonisation pathway?

- No, we have not (1)
- It is currently in progress (2)
- Yes, we have (3) *study carried out internally, by Waka Kotahi**

Q16 Does your organisation carry out regular reporting on fleet utilisation?

- No, we do not (1)
- Yes, we do (2)**

Q17 Does your organisation require additional guidance and support to help inform its fleet decarbonisation decisions?

- No, we have enough internal expertise (1)**
- Yes, we require further support (2)

Q18 Is your organisation actively trying to reduce the amount of mileage travelled by fleet vehicles?

- No, we are not (1)
- Yes, we are (2)**

End of Block: Fleet Strategy

Start of Block: Emissions Reporting and Sustainability Focus

Q19 Is your organisation currently measuring and reporting its carbon footprint?

- No, we do not (1)
- Yes we do (2)**

Q20 Does your organisation have a Sustainability officer role or Sustainability team in place?

- No, we do not (1)
- Yes, we do (2)**

Q21 Has your organisation set clear sustainability goals/targets?

- No, we haven't (1)
- Yes, we have (2)**

Q22 Do you have specific fleet emission reduction targets included in your council reporting?

- No, we do not (1)
- Yes, we do (2)**

End of Block: Emissions Reporting and Sustainability Focus

Start of Block: Budget and Funding

Q23 Does your organisation have a specific budget for sustainability initiatives?

- No, we do not (1)
- Yes, we do (2)**

Q24 Do you have a set budget available each year for purchasing electric vehicles?

- No, we do not (1) *Waka Kotahi vehicles are leased, and lease costs are budgeted for each year**
- Yes, we do (2)

Q25 Has your organisation accessed any government funding that is available for electric vehicle purchasing, fleet optimisation or infrastructure installation? Eg. EECA

- No, we have not (1)
- Yes, vehicle purchasing (2) *Vehicle leasing**
- Yes, fleet optimisation study (3)
- Yes, infrastructure installation (4)

Q26 Would additional government funding allow your organisation to decarbonise its fleet sooner?

- No, it wouldn't (1)
- Yes, it would (2)

***availability of suitable vehicle options to meet business requirements is a key consideration for the speed in which Waka Kotahi is able to electrify our fleet. Waka Kotahi has accessed available funding from the State Sector Decarbonisation Fund.**

Q27 Should councils prioritise fleet decarbonisation regardless of cost?

- No, it is not affordable for our ratepayers (1)
- Yes, it is important that our fleet is fully decarbonised (2)

***Not applicable**

Q28 Do you have any further comment on councils balancing the cost of decarbonisation against their societal responsibilities and/or other council priorities?

***Not applicable**

Q29 What challenges does your organisation have in decarbonising its vehicle fleet? Choose all that apply:

- Lack of charging infrastructure (1)
- Driver resistance (2)
- Lack of internal expertise (3)
- Impact on productivity (charging-time) (4)**
- Cost of purchase (5)
- Prioritisation to other business goals (6)
- Data availability (7)
- Sustainability is not a priority for us (8)
- EV range limitations (9)

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Leanne Hartshorne, Senior Manager, Business Support, by email to leanne.hartshorne@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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