

28 July 2020



Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request of 7 July 2020, under the Official Information Act 1982, for the following information:

What was the agency's total greenhouse gas footprint in the most recent year in which records exist (if such records exist)? Please provide a breakdown of those emissions if they are available.

Does the agency have a policy of requiring employees and/or contractors to offset work-related emissions, eg domestic or international flights?

Does the agency have an emissions reduction plan, or emissions reduction targets, either in place or in development? If so, please provide details of the plan and/or targets.

NZQA is currently not tracking its greenhouse gas footprint and we do not have a policy requiring employees or contractors to offset work related emissions, nor do we have an emission plan or reduction targets.

NZQA's travel policy requires employees or contractors to take environmental sustainability into consideration when considering air travel. This has resulted in some reduction in travel where video conferencing technology has been used instead of face to face meetings. NZQA's Board is also committed to reducing air travel. This has resulted in 40 per cent of our board meetings being conducted remotely.

Since 2009, NZQA has started deploying some internal resources across the country to be located closer to our customers, specifically Auckland City, to reduce air travel requirements. With the advancement of video conferencing technology and online technology, NZQA is able to conduct more remote meetings and has introduced digital delivery of services to customers. This has also reduced the need for postal and courier services in mobilising documents (both domestic and international).

NZQA is making good progress on delivering NCEA assessments digitally and this, when fully implemented, will significantly reduce the need for the printing and distribution of examinations across the country.

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its response to this request on its website in September 2020. Your name and contact details will be removed before publication.

If you require further assistance or believe we have misinterpreted your request, please contact [REDACTED] in the Office of the Chief Executive, email [REDACTED]@nzqa.govt.nz or telephone (04) 463 [REDACTED]

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz. You can also telephone 0800 802 502 or write to the Ombudsman at PO Box 10152, Wellington, 6143.

Yours sincerely



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