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I refer to your email of 7 February 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- *Please detail each annual carbon travel limit Manatū Aorere Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) has, including those for full-time staff, part-time staff, casual staff, contractors and consultants.*
- *In the past 12 months (1 February 2022 to 1 February 2023), how many of the MFAT carbon travel limits were reached, if any?*
- *If any carbon travel limits were reached, when were they reached (e.g. August 31, 2022, 4 months before the annual period ended)?*
- *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)?*
- *What changes are implemented if a carbon travel limit is reached?*
- *When were carbon travel limits introduced for MFAT?*
- *How many years, since carbon travel limits were introduced, has MFAT recorded travel in excess of the annual limit?*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) does not have carbon travel limits or carbon budgets; therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the information does not exist.

The Ministry is currently undertaking a range of activities to reduce its organisational emissions – including those generated through travel – in line with Carbon Neutral Government Programme requirements. Information about the Ministry's emissions reduction targets can be found on the MFAT website: <https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/organisational-sustainability/>.

Please note that we may publish this letter (with your personal details redacted) on the Ministry's website.

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade