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Dear

Thank you for your request made under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), received on 7 February 2022. You requested:

- 1. Please detail each annual carbon travel limit Te Tari Taake Inland Revenue Department (IRD) 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 IRD 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 IRD?
- 7. How many years, since carbon travel limits were introduced, has IRD recorded travel in excess of the annual limit?

Inland Revenue has not set an annual carbon travel limit. However, we do monitor travel volumes and travel-related emissions, now that internal travel restrictions related to COVID-19 have been removed.

In addition, as part of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme, Inland Revenue has projected the levels of our business travel (including flights, rental cars, buses, trains, taxis, hotel accommodation and electric vehicle fleet) out to 2030. This will help us to set carbon emissions reduction targets for 2025 and 2030. These targets cover all emissions sources currently being measured by Inland Revenue.

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Thank you for your request.

Yours sincerely

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