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By email to: [REDACTED] Redacted pursuant to s 9(2)(a) OIA to protect privacy of natural persons

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### Request for information about SFO Climate Certification (CON0011454)

We refer to your request submitted through the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) website on 28 March 2023, and subsequently updated with a further request on 4 April 2023, for the following information in relation to our contract arrangements with Toitū Envirocare:

1. *How many years has your office been affiliated with Toitū?*
2. *How much does it cost your office to maintain certification, including fees from Toitū and costs related to meeting these requirements?*
3. *If different, what were the initial up-front costs to achieve compliance with certification standards and achieve certification in the first place?*
4. *Does the office plan to achieve CarbonZero/Carbon Positive certification, and if so, why, and under what timeframe?*
5. *If not, why?*
6. *Has the office considered other certification/auditors, or in-house auditing of their climate emissions as an alternative to Toitū?*
7. *Please provide cop[ies] of any contracts signed, any other applicable conditions or criteria your agency must abide by as part of accreditation.*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

### Decision

Your questions are answered as below.

#### Question 1

The SFO has been a member of Toitū Envirocare and its carbonreduce certification programme since July 2021.

#### Questions 2 and 3

The value of the SFO contract with Toitu, as you will see, is \$9,586 plus GST. This includes initial set-up, training, software, verification, audit and certification services.

#### Questions 4 and 5

The SFO has not yet made any decisions to work towards achieving a CarbonZero or CarbonPositive certification. The SFO is complying with the Carbon Neutral Government

Programme. The Government has not yet released any directions for government departments, as part of that programme, in relation to achieving certifications corresponding to CarbonZero or CarbonPositive.

*Question 6*

The SFO joined the Toitū Envirocare scheme as it is a government-owned organisation which offers preferential pricing to public sector agencies through all-of government arrangements agreed with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. We have not had cause to consider other advisors in the field of carbon management at this early stage. The SFO does not have the in-house resource or tools to audit its carbon emissions.

*Question 7*

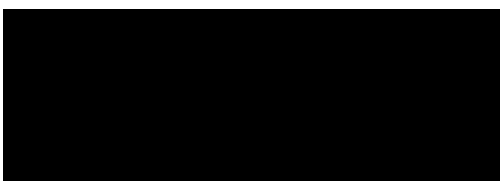
The contract between the SFO and Enviro-Mark Solutions Limited (trading as Toitū Envirocare) is **attached** as requested.

Personal contact details of Toitū staff have been redacted on the grounds that the withholding is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, under s 9(2)(a) of the OIA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where there is a broader public interest. Our response to your request may be published at [sfo.govt.nz](http://sfo.govt.nz), with any personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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