



Ref: OIA 2026-017

29 September 2026

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request of 9 September 2026 seeking the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Would you please share the information, data or reporting that the Commission measures or holds on the current global average temperature increases?”

The Climate Change Commission has considered your request in accordance with the Act.

Response

The Commission does not directly measure global average temperature increases. These measurements are undertaken by international scientific organisations and assessment bodies such as World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Locally, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), now part of Earth Sciences New Zealand, maintains New Zealand's national climate records, temperature datasets, and climate observations.

Accordingly, the Commission does not hold information relating to the measurement of global average temperature increases. As such, we rely on section 18(e) of the Act to not provide it here, as the information does not exist.

The Commission's purpose is to provide independent, evidence-based advice on climate change mitigation and adaptation in Aotearoa New Zealand, and to monitor and review the Government's progress towards its emissions reductions and adaptation goals. In doing so, the Commission regularly considers and refers to scientific evidence and data on global average temperature increases in its advice, reports, and other publications. Any information held by the Commission on current global average temperature increases is contained in our statutory reports which are published on our [website](#).

As such, we rely on section 18(d) of the Act to not provide it here because the information is publicly available.



You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Office of the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Contact details for the Ombudsman can be found on their website at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Please note that the Commission proactively releases its responses to requests made under the Act. This is to help ensure others can also have access to this information. As such, this letter will shortly be published on our website with your name and contact details redacted to protect your privacy.

Nāku noa, nā



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