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Dear

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (OIA) of 26 May 2021 for:

*“the amount of carbon emissions that will result from New Zealand not reducing total greenhouse gas emissions by 45% from 2010 levels by 2030? I want you to include the total greenhouse gas emissions that will result if we use the targets that the Commission has proposed, compared to the 45% reduction by 2030 that the IPCC is actually calling for.”*

In its draft advice, the Climate Change Commission (the Commission) has set out three emissions budgets or caps on emissions—Budget 1 (2022-2025), Budget 2 (2026-2030) and Budget 3 (2031-2035). Information on these budgets appear in the table below. Additional information on these budgets can be found in the Commission’s draft advice, which is available online at: [www.climatecommission.govt.nz/get-involved/our-advice-and-evidence/](http://www.climatecommission.govt.nz/get-involved/our-advice-and-evidence/)

	2018	Emissions budget 1 (2022 – 2025)	Emissions budget 2 (2026 – 2030)	Emissions budget 3 (2031 – 2035)
All gases, net (AR4) (Mt CO <sub>2</sub> e)		271	286	223
Annual average (Mt CO <sub>2</sub> e/year)	69.2	67.7	57.3	44.6
Average reductions on 2018 levels		2%	17%	36%

The Commission has not calculated the carbon emissions that would result if the target for 2030 was set at 45% less than 2010 levels, therefore we have no information to release to you under the OIA.

Please note, the Commission’s final advice to Government, which includes additional calculations on emissions, will be publicly available on our website by the end of June 2021. Alongside this we will release supporting evidence and information. Once you have had a chance to review these additional documents, we would be happy to field any questions you might have via [hello@climatecommission.govt.nz](mailto:hello@climatecommission.govt.nz).



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.

Kind regards,



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