

Subject: Our OIA 2025/24 - Request for data on wildfires in New Zealand

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Kia ora,

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Background

13 March 2024: McGuinness Institute sent an OIA request for data on wildfires in New Zealand (our OIA reference 2024/02).

11 April 2024: McGuinness Institute received a response which was very useful (our OIA reference 2024/02).

Questions

1. Could you provide updated versions of Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 (originally supplied in your response to OIA 2024/02 on 11 April 2024), or advise where these updated documents can be accessed? For reference, the McGuinness Institute maintains a record of OIAs sent and received, including the appendices, at the link [here](#).
2. When are the 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 Wildfire Season Updates scheduled for publication? Please provide links to these documents once available.
3. Are there any other recent reports that we should be aware of? Additionally, are there any reports currently in development that are expected to be published in the coming months? Please provide details.
4. Has any progress been made on assessing the annual economic costs associated with wildfires?
5. Has any progress been made on estimating the annual emissions released from wildfires in New Zealand? Please explain. We would also welcome any records or information you hold on international practices or methodologies relevant to these measures. Note: We are keen to see wildfire-related carbon emissions reported on a country-by-country basis at COP, and for wildfire emissions to be incorporated into the reporting requirements under the Paris Agreement.

Please get back to us with any points of clarification you have relating to this request.

We are hoping to publish this paper in the next few months. Lastly, would one of your staff be happy to look over a final draft of our paper and provide some thoughts and feedback?

Many thanks,

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