

26 February 2021

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Dear s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request, received on 7 February 2021, for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (The Act):

"What information does the Authority hold regarding the source of coal for the Huntly power station? Where does the coal come from?"

As part of our regulatory role we regularly receive and request information from the electricity industry. We do not collect or report on information regarding the source of coal supplies within New Zealand. In order to identify whether the Authority holds any information specific to your request, we would need to search through a substantial amount of information. We consider a search would be unfeasible and may not produce information that appropriately answers your query.

We understand that historically, domestic coal sources were relied upon for power generation at Huntly. As these stockpiles have declined there has been an increased reliance placed on imported coal.

I have included some links to publicly available information which may assist in answering your query.

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/building-and-energy/energy-and-natural-resources/energy-statistics-and-modelling/energy-statistics/coal-statistics/>

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/genesis-coal-burn-reached-5-yr-high>

<https://www.genesisenergy.co.nz/about/media/news/managing-huntly%E2%80%99s-coal-stockpile>

You have the right to seek a review by the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with our response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss our response with us, or further refine your request, please feel free to contact us by emailing OIA@ea.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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