

25 March 2026

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Your request

Thank you for your request, received on 26 February 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) for the following information:

- ***Any briefing, report, or Cabinet paper provided to Ministers that discusses both:***
 - ***residential electricity affordability, and***
 - ***dividend income from partially state-owned electricity companies.***
- ***Any impact assessment or monitoring report on the Low User Fixed Charge phase-out affecting residential consumers.***
- ***Any review or formal assessment of retail electricity competition effectiveness in New Zealand.***
- ***The most recent document held showing projected Crown dividend revenue from partially state-owned electricity companies.***

Our response

For sake of clarity, the Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko (Authority) will respond to each part of your request in turn.

- Any briefing, report, or Cabinet paper provided to Ministers that discusses both:***
- ***residential electricity affordability, and***
 - ***dividend income from partially state-owned electricity companies.***

We have interpreted this part of your request as being for briefings or reports provided to the Minister that discuss both topics you have listed. We have not identified anything in scope and accordingly this part of your request is being refused under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by the Authority.

Any impact assessment or monitoring report on the Low User Fixed Charge phase-out affecting residential consumers.

This information is not held by the Authority and is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the Act. We reached out to the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to transfer this part of your request to them. However, as they also received the request a transfer is not necessary. MBIE will respond to this part of your request accordingly.

Any review or formal assessment of retail electricity competition effectiveness in New Zealand.

We have interpreted this part of your request as being for any formal reviews or assessments of retail electricity competition effectiveness in New Zealand.

Information in scope of this part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available:

- The 2025 review of electricity market performance by Frontier Economics (for the NZ Government) (<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/building-and-energy/energy-and-natural-resources/energy-consultations-and-reviews/review-of-electricity-market-performance>)
- Our 2024 issues paper reviewing risk management options for electricity retailers (https://www.ea.govt.nz/documents/5980/Reviewing_risk_management_options_for_electricity_retailers_issues_paper.pdf): one of the early chapters is focussed on retail market competition.

Although not a formal review or assessment, the Authority monitors and reports on retail competition indicators in our dashboard, here: [Competition | Electricity Authority](#)

The most recent document held showing projected Crown dividend revenue from partially state-owned electricity companies.

This information is not held by the Authority and is therefore refused under section 18(g) of the Act. We reached out to the Treasury to transfer this part of your request to them. However, as they also received the request a transfer is not necessary. Treasury will respond to this part of your request accordingly.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Authority may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All personal data, including your name and contact details, will be removed before publication.

If you'd like to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact us by emailing oya@ea.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,



Airihi Mahuika
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