

25 September 2025

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### Your request

Thank you for your request, received on 29 August 2025, under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) for the following information:

*I note that your rate is increasing by 800%.  
I have tried looking at your site to find:*

- *the fee that was charged in each of the last 10 years.*
- *why an 800% increase was necessary*
- *what the surcharge is spent on*
- *the amount spent v the amount collected.*

### Our response

For sake of clarity, I will respond to each part of your request in turn.

*The fee that was charged in each of the last 10 years*

This information is publicly available. All previous Electricity Authority Levy (EA Levy) annual rates can be found here: [How we are funded | Electricity Authority](#).

*why an 800% increase was necessary*

This part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist. On 1 October 2025, the EA Levy will increase from 0.14c per kWh to 0.16c per kWh. This is an increase of 14% or 0.02 cents per kWh.

*what the surcharge is spent on*

This information is publicly available. Information on the reasoning for the increase can be found here: [Annual levy rates calculated for 2025/26 | Electricity Authority](#). Information on the underlying decision and original consultation can be found here: [2025/26 Levy-funded appropriations | Our consultations | Our projects | Electricity Authority](#).

*the amount spent v the amount collected.*

This part of your request is refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information will soon be publicly available. This information is published as part of our Annual Report. The Annual Report 24/25 will be published in November 2025 on the Electricity Authority website, and you can also

find previous Annual Reports, here: [Our corporate documents | Electricity Authority](#) [Our corporate documents | Electricity Authority](#).

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.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, the Electricity 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 [oia@ea.govt.nz](mailto:oia@ea.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Airihi Mahuika', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Airihi Mahuika  
**GM Legal, Monitoring and Compliance**