

9 June 2026

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By email: S9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe S9(2)

Your request

Thank you for your request, received on 11 May 2026, under the Official Information Act 1982 (Act) for the following information:

- The number of distributed generation applications greater than 10 kW submitted annually from 2022–2026
- Approval and rejection counts
- Any statistics broken down by distributor (especially Vector)
- Any statistics distinguishing single-phase and three-phase applications
- Any information relating to export-limited inverter systems versus installed inverter capacity.

Our response

The Electricity Authority Te Mana Hiko (Authority) is refusing part of your request, items 1,2,3 and 5, under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research.

The Authority has recently received a large volume of data in response to a request issued to all distributors under section 46 of the Electricity Industry Act 2010 (section 46 notice). The request was for information for distributed generation applications for the period 2021 to 2025 and responses were submitted to the Authority by 30 March 2026.

This data received under the section 46 notice is in a raw form and requires extensive data cleansing and validation work before it is retrievable or available in a usable form. This substantial processing work is still underway and accordingly, the raw data is not yet in a state that is usable.

We intend to publish analysis of the distributed generation application data in a consultation paper in September 2026. We would be happy to engage with you again if you wish to make a follow up OIA request after you have reviewed the information currently available through the EMI website and the analysis that we publish later this year.

Item 4 of your request, *statistics distinguishing single-phase and three-phase applications*, is information not in the scope of the data the Authority collected from distributors and is not otherwise held by the Authority ordinarily and accordingly is refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

We note that, as your request included information that we do not hold in a form that can be provided to you at this stage, we met with you on 22 May 2026 to discuss the context for your request. As a result of that conversation we identified some information that may assist you with your research including:

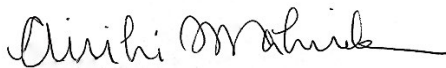
- The following publicly available information on EMI, which relates to distributed generation connections and can be broken down by distributor:
https://www.emi.ea.govt.nz/Retail/Reports/GUEHMT?_si=tg|distributed-generation,v|3
- The following link on the Authority's website may also be of assistance as it relates to distributor export limits: <https://www.ea.govt.nz/data-and-insights/charts-and-dashboards/shift-to-10kw-export-limits/>.

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 oia@ea.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā,



Airihi Mahuika
GM Legal, Monitoring and Compliance