



OIGIS Emissions Reduction Plan

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of the of the lands on which we work, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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Accountable Authority Sign Off

The Australian Government released the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy in November 2023, setting out the overall approach and action required by Commonwealth entities to achieve the APS Net Zero 2030 target.

The Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy represents a strong commitment by the Australian Government to lead by example on emissions reduction and contribute to the decarbonisation of Australia's economy.

The Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (OIGIS) is committed to the achievement of the Government's APS Net Zero 2030 target. The OIGIS is following the APS Net Zero 2030 target in full, as per the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy.

This Emissions Reduction Plan describes the priorities and actions OIGIS is taking to reduce our operational emissions and contribute to the APS Net Zero 2030 target.



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Emissions Reduction Plan

Purpose

OIGIS is responsible for managing and implementing emissions reduction initiatives set by the Australian Government's Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy (the Strategy) developed by Department of Finance. The Strategy sets out the Australian Government's approach to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions from its operations by 2030 and the reinstatement of public emissions reporting.

The goal of this Emissions Reduction Plan is to provide a pathway for the OIGIS to contribute to the achievement of the APS Net Zero 2030 target through emissions reduction activities. This plan encompasses existing and new priorities and actions within OIGIS to reduce emissions.

This Emissions Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with the Strategy, associated guidance and reporting standards for annual emissions reporting.

Net zero greenhouse gas emissions

APS Net Zero 2030 is the target set by the Australian Government to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions from government operations by the year 2030. It includes scope 1 and scope 2 emissions from activities in Australia and its territories, as described in the Strategy.

The APS Net Zero 2030 target applies at the aggregate level to non-corporate Commonwealth entities and generally covers the entirety of the entity's organisation. From an organisational perspective, this means minimising the greenhouse gas emissions that are within our control.

Governance and reporting

Progress against actions identified within this Emissions Reduction Plan, and any additional measures adopted, will be included in our annual report each year. This, combined with annual emissions reporting, will be used as a measure of OIGIS progress towards reducing its emissions.

As part of the Net Zero in Government Operations Annual Progress Report, the Department of Finance will aggregate these measures to provide whole-of-Australian Government emissions reporting.

OIGIS Operational context

OIGIS operates from the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) building at 3-5 National Circuit, Barton, ACT under a memorandum of understanding with AGD, which provides OIGIS' accommodation, IT and other resident services. OIGIS does not have other offices. OIGIS is an 'extra small agency' with an ASL, in 2024–25, of 69.5 employees. As such, OIGIS' environmental footprint is very small and its MOU with AGD means it has only a few levers to pull to influence net zero emissions in government.

At present, OIGIS avails itself of many of the Australian Government's implementation support tools including the whole-of-Australian Government travel arrangements, property service provider arrangements, energy performance contracts, Commonwealth Property Management Framework, and adopts emission reduction practices for example conducting electronic meetings, where possible, and employing recycling practices.

OIGIS maintains one fleet vehicle and, when meeting with counterparts IGIS staff walk to meetings or share a vehicle where appropriate.

Baseline emissions

Baseline emissions are a record of greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. The baseline emissions from financial year 2022-23 are the reference point against which emissions reduction actions can be measured.

The baseline emissions for this plan focus on scope 1 and scope 2 emissions, consistent with the APS Net Zero 2030 target. Electricity-related emissions were calculated using the location-based method. The complete 2022-23 greenhouse gas emissions inventory tables for OIGIS are presented in our 2022-23 annual report.

Baseline year	Financial year 2022-23
Scope 1 kg CO ₂ e emissions	185 kg CO ₂ e
Scope 2 kg CO ₂ e emissions	- kg CO ₂ e
Scope 3 kg CO ₂ e emissions	13,188 kg CO ₂ e
Total kg CO ₂ e emissions	13,372 kg CO ₂ e

Due to OIGIS' tenancy arrangement with AGD, the OIGIS is unable to separately measure its electricity and natural gas usage from that of the other tenants at 3-5 National Circuit, Barton. The OIGIS' electricity and natural gas emissions are included in AGD's emissions reporting.

Engagement

In the development of this plan OIGIS has been working with:

- Department of Finance
 - Climate Action in Government Operations – to ensure that this plan aligns with the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy and the Commonwealth Climate Disclosure requirements
- OIGIS Travel Officers – to discuss options and considerations for lowering travel emissions where possible.
- AGD – to understand what contributions and actions OIGIS should take to contribute to emissions reduction as a sub-tenant of the AGD building.

Emissions reduction targets

OIGIS is following the APS Net Zero 2030 target in full, as per the Net Zero in Government Operations Strategy. The target covers the entirety of our entity's operations within Australia and its territories for scope 1 and scope 2 emissions, as described in the Strategy.

Priorities and actions

OIGIS' contribution to achieve APS Net Zero 2030 targets will be largely restricted to existing emissions reduction measures employed by the Australian Government due to its operating context. OIGIS will endeavour to identify operational efficiencies to further contribute to APS Net Zero and introduce new measures where possible.

OIGIS' tenancy and services arrangement with AGD will greatly impact its ability to influence directly the achievement of many of the APS Net Zero targets. However, as a tenant and receiver of services from AGD at 3-5 National Circuit Barton, OIGIS supports, and will be directly impacted by, AGD's measures to achieve Australian Government's APS Net Zero 2030 target. These potential actions by AGD and OIGIS are summarised in the following points, with further detail provided below:

- procuring renewable electricity (AGD)
- improving building standards (AGD)
- sustainable procurement (AGD and OIGIS).
- additional actions:
 - reduce waste generation (OIGIS)
 - promote digital first (OIGIS)
 - reduce transport emissions footprint (OIGIS).

Buildings

OIGIS is a tenant of AGD. AGD is responsible for all actions relating to the building's emissions reduction.

ACTION: Follow required actions as a sub-tenant of AGD.

Electricity

Renewable electricity

OIGIS is a tenant of AGD at 3-5 National Circuit, Barton. AGD is responsible for all actions relating to the building's emissions reduction.

ACTION: Follow required actions as a sub-tenant of AGD.

Solar PV installation / upgrade

OIGIS is a tenant of AGD at 3-5 National Circuit, Barton. AGD is responsible for all actions relating to the building's emissions reduction, including electricity.

ACTION: Follow required actions as a sub-tenant of AGD in the Robert Garran Offices, Barton, and consult where appropriate on any matters relating to the provision of electricity.

Fleet

OIGIS maintains one fleet vehicle. The vehicle is considered compliant with whole-of-Australian Government requirements.

ACTION: When the vehicle is due for replacement the Department of Finance will be consulted to ensure the new vehicle meets the whole-of-Australian Government fleet requirements.