

OC2240227

4 April 2024



Tēnā koe 

I refer to your email dated 5 March 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. *“Copies of all advice, reports, briefings, or any other documents provided by the Ministry to the Office of Hon. Simeon Brown regarding GPS 2024.*
2. *Copies of all correspondence between the Ministry and the Office of Hon. Simeon Brown regarding GPS 2024.*
3. *Copies of all correspondence between the Ministry and Auckland City Council regarding GPS 2024.*
4. *Copies of all advice, reports, briefings, or any other documents provided by the Ministry to the Office of Hon. Simeon Brown regarding Roads of National Significance.*
5. *Copies of all correspondence between the Ministry and the Office of Hon. Simeon Brown regarding Roads of National Significance.*
6. *Copies of all correspondence between the Ministry and Auckland City Council regarding Roads of National Significance.*
7. *Copies of all advice, reports, briefings, or any other documents provided by the Ministry to the Office of Hon. Simeon Brown regarding the Pothole Prevention Fund*
8. *Copies of all correspondence between the Ministry and the Office of Hon. Simeon Brown regarding the Pothole Prevention Fund*
9. *Copies of all correspondence between the Ministry and Auckland City Council regarding the Pothole Prevention Fund”.*

All documentation around the Government Policy Statement 2024 (GPS 2024) is under active consideration until the final GPS 2024 is published. This covers everything except item 5. I am therefore withholding the information you are seeking under Section 9(2)(f)(iv) of Act:

to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

With regard to the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding the information at this time are not outweighed by public interest considerations that would make it desirable to make the information available.

Shortly after the final GPS 2024 is published, the Ministry of Transport will proactively release advice and other relevant information on its website (www.transport.govt.nz).

In response to the request for “*Copies of all advice, reports, briefings, or any other documents regarding Roads of National Significance*”, any documents that fall within this scope I am refusing as these fall under Section 18(d) of the Act:

the information requested is or will soon be publicly available

These will be uploaded to the Ministry of Transport website once released.

Briefing titles and their treatment under the Act are listed in Annex 1.

The press releases on the GPS are available from the Beehive website (<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/portfolio/nationalactnew-zealand-first-coalition-government-2023-2026/transport>).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Nāku noa, nā



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Annex 1 - Document Schedule

| Doc# | Document | Decision on release |
|------|---|---|
| 1 | OC230661 Advising on the transport investment programme – briefing paper | Refused in full under Section 18(d). |
| 2 | OC230661 Tier 2 BIM – Managing cost pressures in the land transport system | Refused in full under Section 18(d). |
| 3 | OC230887 Seeking direction on draft GPS 2024 post-election – briefing paper | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 4 | OC230889 T2 BIM A3 – GPS 2024 | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 5 | OC231033 GPS 2024 Strategic Priorities, proposed activity classes, funding ranges and pre-commitments – briefing paper | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 6 | OC231060 Draft GPS 2024 – briefing paper | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 7 | OC240001 Meeting with the Minister of Finance on GPS 2024 12 Jan 2024 – aide-memoire | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 8 | OC240002 Additional Information to support draft GPS 2024 - aide-memoire | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 9 | OC240011 GPS 2024 seeking agreement on departmental consultation – briefing paper | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 10 | OC240127 Draft GPS 2024 Departmental consultation feedback – briefing paper | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 11 | OC240142 Draft GPS 2024 public consultation launch – briefing paper | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 12 | OC240257 Additional information on potholes – aide-memoire | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |