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03 March 2025



I refer to your email dated 13 February 2025, requesting the following under the *Official Information Act 1982 (the Act)*:

“...information related to the Ministry of Transport input into the consultation on “Increasing the private share of public transport operating expenditure”.

I request the following documents in relation to the discussion document and policy formation related to the above topic. My request is for:

- Ministerial briefings, aide memoirs, recommendations, summaries, advice provided, meeting notes and correspondence*
- input into the policy work on the related to this consultation and policy development process including briefings, reports and internal communications.*

The period covered by this request is from 1 December 2024 to the date of this letter.”

I am refusing your request under the following section of the Act:

- 18(g) that the information requested is not held by the Ministry of Transport, and it has no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department

I understand that you have made a similar request of NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (**NZTA**). As such, a transfer of your request to NZTA would lead to a refusal or combination with your existing request, and I have no grounds to believe that any other department would hold information in scope of your request to the Ministry of Transport (**the Ministry**).

The Ministry is engaged in the work programme led by NZTA to agree private share targets for public transport with Public Transport Authorities. We note this process is ongoing and that NZTA is progressing it in response to the Government Policy Statement on land transport 2024-2027, set by the Minister of Transport in June 2024. However, we did not provide input, nor prepare information to the negotiation process during the time period specified in your request.

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

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Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Woodall'.

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Ministry of Transport