


OC250345

2 May 2025



Tēnā koe 

I refer to your email dated 10 April 2025, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“1. The titles of briefings provided to the transport/associate transport ministers in December 2024, January, February and March 2025.=*

*2. A copy of the following briefings:*

*Brown Willis Bishop OC241270 13/11/2024 Auckland Light Rail land disposal=*

*Brown OC241338 19/11/2024 Transport Governance Reform in Auckland: Summary of Departmental Consultation*

*Brown OC241262 30/10/2024 Meeting with Martin Kearney - Chief Executive Officer, Auckland One Rail”*

On the receipt of the request, we advised you that some of the information requested is available on the Ministry’s website:

- List of briefing titles December 2024 – February 2025 –  
<https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/ListofBriefingTitlesbetweenDecember2024February-2025.pdf>
- OC241270 – Refer to page 24 -  
<https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/SixBriefingsfromNovember-v2.pdf>
- OC241262 – Refer to page 50 -  
<https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/EightBriefingsfromOctober-1.pdf>

In response, you refined your request to the following:

*“1. The titles of briefings provided to the transport/associate transport ministers in March 2025.*

*2. A copy of the following briefing:*

*Brown OC241338 19/11/2024 Transport Governance Reform in Auckland: Summary of Departmental Consultation”*

In response to the first part of your request for a list of briefing titles to Ministers for the month of March 2025, 71 briefing titles are in scope, of which, 60 are released and 11 are withheld. The table attached as Annex 1 outlines how the briefing titles have been treated under the Act.

In response to the second part of your request, the briefing is released to you with some information withheld. Annex 2 outlines how the briefing has been treated under the Act.

Certain information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

9(2)(a)	to protect the privacy of natural persons
9(2)(b)(ii)	to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
9(2)(ba)(i)	to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied
9(2)(g)(i)	to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty

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.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

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Nāku noa, nā



Hilary Penman  
**Manager, Ministerial and Executive Services**

## Annex 1: List of Briefing titles March 2025

No #	Reference Number	Primary/cc'd Minister/s	Date Received by Office	Title of Paper and Decision on Release
1	OC250156	Bishop	3/03/2025	Additional Information on Grants and Funds Savings Initiative
2	OC250166	Meager	3/03/2025	Civil Aviation (Independent Review Function) Regulations 2025 - Paper for Cabinet Legislation Committee
3	OC250154	Bishop	4/03/2025	City Rail Link Joint Sponsors Meeting on 6 March 2025
4	OC250155	Meager	4/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
5	OC250178	Meager	4/03/2025	Request for Information About Section 198 of the Maritime Transport Act
6	OC250030	Bishop	5/03/2025	Proactive Release of Documents Relating to the Transport Chapter of the Second Emissions Reduction Plan
7	OC250056	Bishop	5/03/2025	Emergency Ocean Response Capability (EORC) - Detailed Business Case - Draft Cabinet Paper
8	OC250059	Bishop	5/03/2025	Supporting Material for the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill for Committee of the Whole House
9	OC250097	Bishop	5/03/2025	Revised Options for Addressing Anti-Social Road Use
10	OC250150	Meager	5/03/2025	Aviation Industry Association New Zealand Parliamentary Function - March 2025
11	OC250158	Meager cc Bishop	5/03/2025	The Transport Accident Investigation Commission's Half Year Performance Report - to 31 December 2024
12	OC250173	Meager cc Bishop	5/03/2025	Approval of Oil Pollution Advisory Committee Terms of Reference
13	OC250179	Bishop	5/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
14	OC250142	Bishop	10/03/2025	Toll Road Concessions: Update on Market Sounding
15	OC250165	Meager	11/03/2025	Briefing to the Incoming Minister - Metservice Contact and Rain Radar Installation Upgrades
16	OC250051	Meager	12/03/2025	International Maritime Organization: Approach to Upcoming Decarbonisation Negotiations
17	OC250115	Meager	12/03/2025	Security Designation of Hamilton Airport
18	OC250130	Meager	12/03/2025	Nelson Airport Limited: Kiwi Shareholder
19	OC250133	Meager	12/03/2025	Air New Zealand: Kiwi Shareholder
20	OC250164	Bishop	12/03/2025	Land Transport Rules Reform Programme and Engagement Details

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21	OC250168	Meager	12/03/2025	Delegation of Statutory Powers Under the Civil Aviation Act 2023
22	OC250169	Bishop	12/03/2025	Vote Transport: Budget 2025 and Estimates Update
23	OC250184	Meager	12/03/2025	Meeting with Lyttelton Port Company
24	OC250185	Meager	12/03/2025	Meeting with Tāwhaki National Aerospace Centre
25	OC250197	Meager	12/03/2025	Vote Transport: Budget 2025 and Estimates Update
26	OC250199	Willis Meager	12/03/2025	Civil Aviation Authority Reserves Restoration Proposal
27	OC250214	Bishop Willis	12/03/2025	Draft City Rail Link Limited Letter of Expectations for 2025/26
28	OC250224	Bishop	12/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
29	OC250230 REQ-0008566	Meager Jones	12/03/2025	Regional Infrastructure Fund - Supporting Regional Air Connectivity
30	OC250031	Meager	14/03/2025	Proactive Release of CAA Pricing Review Cabinet Docs
31	OC250204	Bishop	14/03/2025	Baseline Funding for the Metropolitan Rail Network
32	OC250219	Bishop	17/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
33	OC250221	Bishop	17/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
34	OC250209	Meager	18/03/2025	Regulatory Systems (Transport) Amendment Bill
35	OC250217	Meager	18/03/2025	Meeting with Invercargill Airport
36	OC250056	Bishop	19/03/2025	Emergency Ocean Response Capability (EORC)
37	OC250144	Meager	19/03/2025	British Airways and Qatar Airways Joint Business Agreement Reauthorisation
38	OC250146	Bishop	19/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
39	OC250151	Bishop	19/03/2025	Seeking Your Direction on Land Transport Investment Direction
40	OC250157	Bishop Willis	19/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii).</b>
41	OC250191	Bishop	19/03/2025	Notice Approving New Vehicle Surveillance Equipment
42	OC250193	Bishop Goldsmith	19/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
43	OC250195	Meager cc Willis cc Collins	19/03/2025	Supporting Advice for Funding Arrangements

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44	OC250198	Bishop	19/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
45	OC250225	Bishop cc Willis cc Peters	19/03/2025	Additional Traction Feed (West) Rail Network Investment Programme Variation
46	OC250231	Bishop	19/03/2025	Third Reading of the Land Transport (Drug Driving) Amendment Bill
47	OC250234	Meager cc Bishop	19/03/2025	Maritime NZ Performance Report Quarter Two 2024-25
48	OC250203	Meager	20/03/2025	Chatham Islands Replacement Shipping Service Launching Request for Proposal
49	OC250205	Meager	20/03/2025	Timeframes for Maritime Legislation Review
50	OC250242	Meager	20/03/2025	Visit with South Port
51	OC250211	Meager	21/03/2025	Financial Information on the Establishment of a Crown Entity Company
52	OC250215	Meager	21/03/2025	Proactive Release - Independent Review Function
53	OC250227	Meager	21/03/2025	Amendment of Direction to Require Searching at International Screening Points
54	OC250235	Meager	21/03/2025	Proactive Release - Briefing to the Incoming Associate Minister February 2025
55	OC250161	Bishop	24/03/2025	Meeting with ATECO on Policies and Barriers for EV Adoption
56	OC250258	Meager	24/03/2025	Port Productivity Meeting with APM Terminals 25 March 2025
57	OC250003	Bishop	25/03/2025	Proactive Release of GPS 2024 and NZUP Tagged Contingency
58	OC250208	Bishop	25/03/2025	Transition to Road User Chargers - Overarching Policy Choices
59	OC250246	Meager	25/03/2025	Meeting with the Civil Aviation Authority Board Chair on 27 March 2025
60	OC250253	Meager	25/03/2025	Meeting with Chatham Islands Mayor and Chatham Islands Council Chief Executive
61	OC250255	Bishop	25/03/2025	Meeting with Anthony Jones, CEO Of H.W. Richardson Group
62	OC250229	Meager	26/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
63	OC250237	Bishop Peters	26/03/2025	Meeting with Kiwirail Regarding Recent SPAD Incidents

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64	OC250264	Bishop	27/03/2025	Proactive Release of Cabinet Paper on Toll Road Concession Opportunities
65	OC250269	Meager	27/03/2025	Visit With Port of Tauranga
66	OC250271	Meager	27/03/2025	Visit to Port Nelson
67	OC250182	Meager cc Peters	28/03/2025	Mandate to Negotiate with Türkiye
68	OC250247	Bishop	28/03/2025	<b>Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).</b>
69	OC250249	Meager	28/03/2025	Visit to Tauranga Airport
70	OC250272	Meager	28/03/2025	Meeting with the Chief Executive of Land Search and Rescue, Carl McOnie, 4 April 2025
71	OC250283	Meager cc Collins	31/03/2025	Approach to the Civil Aviation Rules



Annex 2: Document Schedule

Doc #	Reference number	Date	Title of Document	Decision on request
1	OC241338	18/11/2024	Transport Governance Reform in Auckland: Summary of Departmental Consultation	Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(ba)(i) and 9(2)(g)(i).

18 November 2024

OC241338

**Hon Simeon Brown**

**Minister of Transport**

## **TRANSPORT GOVERNANCE REFORM IN AUCKLAND: SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION**

### **Purpose**

This briefing summarises feedback from departmental consultation on the draft Transport Governance Reform in Auckland Cabinet paper and seeks your approval for a small number of changes to be made to the Cabinet paper.

### **Key points**

- Departmental consultation on the draft Cabinet paper took place between 8 November and 14 November 2024.
- We have considered all feedback (collated in Appendix One) and summarised the key elements in the consultation section of the Cabinet paper.
- Our assessment is that only minor changes are required to the Cabinet paper in light of feedback. Our recommended changes are:
  - bringing out more clearly that consideration has been given to how the transport governance changes will need to integrate with other government work programmes such as Regional Deals and Resource Management Act 1991 Reform;
  - strengthening the narrative in support of greater government involvement in transport planning in Auckland;
  - four technical wording amendments based on feedback from the Department of Internal Affairs, Treasury and Parliamentary Counsel Office.
- As you are aware, we are preparing further advice related to the allocation of functions to local boards and the roading classifications that local boards should have decision-making over. We recommend amending references to the powers in Appendix One, so that it is clear that these are indicative.



## Recommendations

We recommend you:

- 1 **note** that the draft Cabinet paper has been updated following departmental consultation
- 2 **agree** to the changes proposed to the draft Cabinet paper (summarised in this briefing and highlighted in yellow in the Cabinet paper) Yes / No
- 3 **approve** the updated draft Cabinet paper for lodgement with the Cabinet Office by 10.00 am on Thursday 21 November 2024. Yes / No



David Wood  
Deputy Chief Executive, Investment  
and Monitoring

Hon Simeon Brown  
Minister of Transport

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Minister's office to complete:

☐ Approved

☐ Declined

☐ Seen by Minister

☐ Not seen by Minister

☐ Overtaken by events

## Comments

## Contacts

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## TRANSPORT GOVERNANCE REFORM IN AUCKLAND: SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION

### Consultation on the draft Cabinet paper

- 1 The draft Cabinet paper was shared for consultation with other departments between 8 November and 14 November 2024.
- 2 We engaged the following departments for consultation:
  - Department of Internal Affairs;
  - Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (officers that support the Minister for Auckland);
  - Ministry for the Environment;
  - Ministry of Housing and Urban Development;
  - Land Information New Zealand;
  - Te Puni Kōkiri;
  - Treasury.
- 3 From those contacted, we received departmental feedback from: Department of Internal Affairs (DIA); Ministry of Housing and Urban Development (MHUD); Ministry for the Environment (MfE) and Treasury.
- 4 The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet was informed and our legal team have engaged with the Parliamentary Counsel Office.

### Feedback received and suggested changes to the Cabinet Paper

- 5 Full analysis is set out in Appendix One of this paper.

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## Other suggested changes to the Cabinet Paper

### Local Boards

- 12 As you are aware, we are preparing further advice for you on allocating decision-making for specific transport functions to local boards. This will include proposed functions and rationale for local board allocation as well as the roading classifications that the functions apply to.
- 13 Given that further work is required on local board decision making, and to avoid any risk that the functions identified in Appendix One are read as a definitive list, we recommend small wording changes to paragraph 34, Recommendation 16 and Appendix One that would highlight that these powers are intended to be read as an indicative set of powers.

### Next steps

- 14 Our working timeframe leading up to Cabinet confirmation is as follows:

Milestone	Timing
Minister of Transport considers draft Cabinet paper, provides any further feedback or changes to officials, and provides approval to lodge with the Cabinet Office	19 and 20 November 2024
Submission of Cabinet paper to Cabinet Office	10.00 am 21 November 2024
Consideration by Cabinet Business Committee (CBC)	25 November 2024
Cabinet confirmation	02 December 2024

APPENNDIX 1: DEPARTMENTAL FEEDBACK ON DRAFT CABINET PAPER

Feedback from:	Feedback	Ministry of Transport comment	Suggested changes
Departments			
Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)			

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Feedback from:	Feedback	Ministry of Transport comment	Suggested changes
Departments	s 9(2)(ba)(i), s 9(2)(g)(i)		
Treasury			

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Feedback from:	Feedback	Ministry of Transport comment	Suggested changes
Departments			
Ministry for the Environment (MfE)	s 9(2)(ba)(i), s 9(2)(g)(i)		

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