

OC250369

23 May 2025

Tēnā koe

I refer to your email dated 24 April 2025 requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"Please send me any advice produced in the last 12 months on benefit cost ratios or similar analysis relating to the proposed Northern Expressway or the component roads that make up what is commonly known as the Northern Expressway (Northland)

To reduce the scope of this request and reduce the amount of work needed to protect commercially sensitive information and other similar constraints, I am happy to only receive sections of advice directly relevant to my request and interest, which is focused on the conclusions of analysis of the likely benefit cost ratios in light of potential cost increases to the projects over their expected period to completion.

If any information is proposed to be withheld due to active consideration please explain how this overrides the public interest in these announced projects that ministers have stated their intention to push ahead with in an accelerated way, at significant public cost."

Two documents are in scope of your request which are or will be proactively released on the Ministry's website. I am therefore refusing your request under 18(d) of the Act – the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. The document schedule attached as Annex 1 outlines where this information can be found.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u>

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on the Ministry's website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Nāku noa, nā

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Annex 1: Document Schedule

Doc #	Date	Title of Document	Decision on request
1	12/02/2025	OC250000 – Cabinet paper: Public Private Partnership (PPP) Procurement for SH1 Warkworth to Te Hana	Refused under section 18(d). The document can be found here (refer to page 3): <u>https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Rep</u> avmentforprivateequitycontributions.pdf
2	10/03/2025	Public Private Partnership Procurement for Section 1 of the Northland Corridor Warkworth to Te Hana)	Refused under section 18(d). Once released, the information can be found here: <u>https://www.transport.govt.nz/about-us/what-we-do/proactive-releases/results</u>