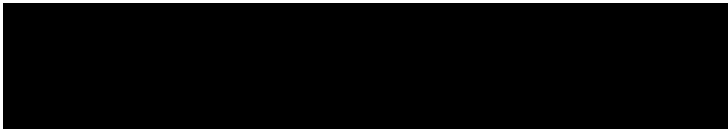




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Dear 

I refer to your request dated 2 September 2019, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), stating:

“Could I please have a copy of any analysis of the costs and benefits of various programmes of investment considered in developing the Lets get wellington moving recommended programme of investment.

I am particularly interested in any analysis of the expected costs and benefits, with and without rapid transit, and with and without improvements to State Highway 1 between the Terrace Tunnel (inclusive) and Mt Victoria (inclusive).”

I will address your request in two parts:

- Part one: copies of analysis of the costs and benefits of various programmes of investment in developing the Let’s Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) Recommended Programme of Investment (RPI)
- Part two: analysis of the expected costs and benefits, with and without rapid transit, and with and without improvements to State Highway 1 between the Terrace Tunnel (inclusive) and Mt Victoria (inclusive).

In regards to part one, I am refusing your request in reliance on section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist. The Recommended Programme of Investment (RPI) was developed by the NZ Transport Agency and the councils involved in LGWM. As the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) was not involved in developing the RPI, it does not hold analysis of the costs and benefits that were considered in the development of the RPI.

In regards to part two, the Ministry was involved in the development of the Indicative Package. Information about the Indicative Package is available online in the form of briefings and aides memoire that the Ministry provided to the Minister of Transport. This

advice broadly covers a mix of investment scenarios that were considered as part of the Indicative Package. The Ministry coordinated input from the LGWM partners on the components and their costs and benefits. The focus of the Ministry's own analysis was largely on how a commitment to LGWM could be made while balancing the demands of the National Land Transport Fund (NLTF).

In Appendix A, I have outlined the documents available online that show consideration of the different package scenarios that have various mixes of project components and cost sharing arrangements. These documents are available at:

www.transport.govt.nz/land/lgwm.

The Ministry publishes our responses to information requests made under the Act and the information contained in our reply to you will be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint about the processing of this request to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

info.ombudsman@parliament.nz

Yours sincerely



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Appendix A: Publicly available advice on LGWM relevant to the request

Date	Document title	Comment
30 November 2018	Advice on funding LGWM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposes splitting the programme into phases to make the programme affordable in the context of the NLTF.
3 December 2018	Request for further information on LGWM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gives advice on NLTF expenditure for the Wellington region. - Assesses whether the option from the briefing above would be affordable.
4 December 2019	Request for updated advice on LGWM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gives further advice on the financial figures for the Minister's new preferred option (discussed in earlier briefings).
18 December 2018	Advice on the Governance Group's revised LGWM proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assesses the Governance Group's preferred proposal that differs from the Minister's preferred option.
25 January 2019	Response to the Councils' proposal for LGWM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides the Minister with advice on the councils' preferred option versus the Minister's preferred option to discuss at a meeting with the Chair and Mayor.
30 January 2019	Information to assist in meeting with the LGWM Governance Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sets out four options: - 1: the Minister's original preferred approach - 2: the Minister's original preferred approach but with the councils' suggested cost-sharing arrangements - 3: GWRC and WCC counter proposal - 4: a revised approach based on the Minister's preferred approach and a partnership approach to cost sharing.
20 February 2019	Implications for delivering LGWM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides advice on the implication for delivering Option 4, specifically in regard to the NLTF.

5 March 2019	Request for advice of LGWM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes Ministry modelling of two scenarios. - A: a package that includes all four priority components and allowance for regional projects. - B: a package as above, but without light rail to the Airport.
8 March 2019	Advice on investments in the Wellington region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seven scenarios are modelled based on cost to the NLTF. - There is some discussion of the benefits that some components have when combined with others.
20 March 2019	Draft Cabinet paper	