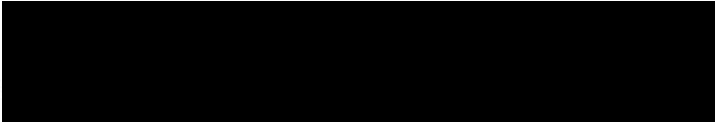




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Dear 

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

"The Cabinet Paper for Let's Get Wellington Moving, it contains the following recommendation,

"1. note that Government officials and Wellington City Council (WCC) and Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) officers have worked together through the Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) project to agree an indicative package of transport investments for Wellington including major investments in:

rapid transit

walking and cycling

public transport

state highways"

Could I please have a copy of the key documents that show officials agreed an indicative package of transport investments, including both internally at NZTA or MoT and externally with WCC, GWRC and LGWM and any other relevant government departments, agencies or organisations.

Could you please include in the scope of this OIA corresponding documents that provide detail on what investments (description and cost) this indicative package included.

Please include any corresponding Benefit-Cost-Analysis or Multi-Criteria-Analysis associated with this indicative package and held by MoT / NZTA."

I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act, because the information does not exist.

In regards to the first part of your request, officials provided advice to support the negotiation of the indicative package, but they did not agree an indicative package between themselves to submit to the Minister of Transport and elected local officials. The Let's Get Wellington Moving (LGWM) Cabinet paper indicates the range of agencies that had contributed to the analysis and advice that supported the negotiations between the Minister and the elected local officials.

In regards to the second part of your request, because officials did not have a formal agreement on the indicative package, corresponding documents with detail on what investments were included do not exist. However, officials did work together in pulling together a lot of official advice to the Minister of Transport that reflects the range of different scenarios considered for the final indicative package.

In regards to the final part of your request, the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) has broad indicative cost benefit ratios included in the appendix of a briefing titled *Response to the Councils' proposal for Let's Get Wellington Moving*. This document is publicly available on the Ministry website, along with all other advice provided by the Ministry on LGWM to the Minister of Transport, at: www.transport.govt.nz/land/lgwm.

Other analysis of costs, benefits and other details of LGWM can be found through the LGWM web site at www.getwellymoving.co.nz and the NZ Transport Agency's website at www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/lets-get-wellington-moving/documents. Cost-Benefit-Analysis or Multi-Criteria-Analysis that corresponds to a formal agreement between officials does not exist.

The Ministry publishes its Official Information Act responses. 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:

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Yours sincerely



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