

OC231089

Friday 2 February 2024



Tēnā koe 

I refer to your email dated Friday 15 December 2023, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *“The ‘Ending the Clean Car Discount Scheme’ the Minister took to Cabinet on 4 December*
- *Any papers sent to LEG on repealing the Clean Car Discount scheme*
- *Any and all communication between Te Manatū Waka and the Treasury regarding the drafted RIS on repealing the Clean Car Discount*
- *Any and all communication between Te Manatū Waka and Waka Kotahi on the Cabinet paper and draft RIS on repealing the Clean Car Discount*
- *Any and all communication between Te Manatū Waka and the Ministry for the Environment regarding the CIPA prepared for the repeal of the Clean Car Discount*
- *Any and all communication between the Transport and Climate Ministers’ offices on the repeal of the Clean Car Discount*
- *The CIPA prepared on repealing the Clean Car Discount*
- *Any advice prepared for the Transport Minister on the impact repealing the Clean Car Discount has on meeting the second emissions budget for transport*
- *Any and all communication between Te Manatū Waka and the Transport Minister’s office regarding the proactive release of documents relating to the repeal of the Clean Car Discount”*

The below section of your request was transferred to the Minister of Transport’s office. You were advised of this transfer via email on Tuesday 19 December 2023.

- *“Any and all communication between the Transport and Climate Ministers’ offices on the repeal of the Clean Car Discount”*

11 documents fall within the scope of your request and are detailed in the document schedule attached as Annex 1. The schedule outlines how the documents you requested have been treated under the Act.

I am refusing some information under the following section of the Act:

18(d) the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

I am withholding some information under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.
- 9(2)(h) to maintain professional legal privilege.
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional convention protecting the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers' and officials.

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

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Nāku noa, nā



Nick Paterson
Manager Environment

Annex 1: Document schedule

#	Document	Date	Document type	Treatment under the Act	Publicly available?
<i>"The 'Ending the Clean Car Discount Scheme' the Minister took to Cabinet on 4 December"</i>					
1	OC230965 Ending the Clean Car Discount Scheme	4 Dec 2023	Cabinet paper	Refused in full under Section 18(d)	Yes – proactively released by the Ministry of Transport and available here
<i>Any papers sent to LEG on repealing the Clean Car Discount scheme.</i>					
<i>No papers are in scope of this part of the request as this matter was not considered by LEG.</i>					
<i>Any and all communication between Te Manatū Waka and the Treasury regarding the drafted RIS on repealing the Clean Car Discount</i>					
2	FW: 100 Day Plan and RIA requirements	30 Nov 2023	Email	Release with some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a)	No – this document is attached to this response
3	FW: Proposal 100 Day Action Plan - Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount - Reminder to progress proposal	30 Nov 2023	Email	Release with some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a)	No – this document is attached to this response
<i>Any and all communication between Te Manatū Waka and Waka Kotahi on the Cabinet paper and draft RIS on repealing the Clean Car Discount</i>					
4	6. RE: CAB-521 RESPONSE: NZ Transport Agency Feedback on Clean Vehicle Discount Scheme Repeal Amendment Bill	7 Dec 2023	Email	Withhold in full under section 9(2)(h)	No
<i>Any and all communication between Te Manatū Waka and the Ministry for the Environment regarding the CIPA prepared for the repeal of the Clean Car Discount</i>					
5	CCD Discontinuation	16 Nov 2023	Email	Release with some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a)	No – this document is attached to this response
6	CIPA – CCD settings change Dec 2023 (1) <i>Sent as an attachment to document 5</i>	16 Nov 2023	CIPA form (partially completed)	Release in full	No – this document is attached to this response
7	RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE]RE: CCD discontinuation	23 Nov 2023	Email	Release with some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a)	No – this document is attached to this response
<i>The CIPA prepared on repealing the Clean Car Discount</i>					
8	Climate Impacts of Policy Assessment: Disclosure Sheet – Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount	24 Nov 2023	Climate Implications of Policy Assessment	Refused under Section 18(d)	Yes – proactively released by the Ministry of Transport and available here
<i>Any advice prepared for the Transport Minister on the impact repealing the Clean Car Discount has on meeting the second emissions budget for transport</i>					

#	Document	Date	Document type	Treatment under the Act	Publicly available?
9	Departmental disclosure statement	6 Dec 2023	Department disclosure statement	Refused in full under Section 18(d)	Yes – published on the NZ Legislation Disclosures website, available here
<i>Any and all communication between Te Manatū Waka and the Transport Minister's office regarding the proactive release of documents relating to the repeal of the Clean Car Discount"</i>					
10	RE: OIA consultation - CIPA on CCD removal - OC231051	14 Dec 2023	Email	Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a)	No – this document is attached to this response
11	RE: ATTN: HELEN/DOM Clean Car Discount proactive release	15 Dec 2023	Email	Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv)	No – this document is attached to this response

Carol Rios Diaz

From: Megan Moffet
Sent: Thursday, 30 November 2023 11:05 am
To: Alex Voutratzis; Bev Driscoll; Genevieve Woodall; Marian Willberg; Michelle Dawson; Nick Paterson; Siobhan Routledge; Brendan Booth; Tom Forster; Natasha Rave; Joanna Heard
Cc: Bronwyn Turley; Richard Cross; Carmen Mak
Subject: FW: 100 Day Plan and RIA requirements

Importance: High

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

FYI: Key information from Treasury below about RIA requirements.

From: Harry Chapman [TSY] <Harry.Chapman@treasury.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 10:17 AM

s 9(2)(a)

Subject: 100 Day Plan and RIA requirements

Importance: High

[IN-CONFIDENCE]

Kia ora koutou

Cabinet yesterday made decisions on how the RIA requirements will apply to 100 Day Plan proposals.

If your agency has a Cabinet paper getting lodged imminently for consideration by Cabinet on Monday please get in touch with us ASAP and we can provide new wording for the impact analysis section (if it is not too late already).

- For proposals involving the repeal of legislation (and not seeking approval for new policy), no RIS is required
- For new proposals:
 - RISs will be required, but formal quality assurance is not needed (at the very least we recommend peer review of RISs, and for the authors to note any limitations and constraints).
 - If agencies do not have time to prepare comprehensive impact analysis, they can focus on cost benefit analysis and implementation issues.
 - Post-implementation assessments will be required, one year after enactment of the relevant legislation.

In some cases, your agencies will have already started preparing RISs for repeal proposals. Sorry we haven't been able to provide clarity before this point on whether or not those RISs were required. If you have a completed RIS ready to go we recommend they're still submitted that to Cabinet, but as the preparation of RISs in that situation is not required we'll leave the ultimate decision on whether to submit it to Cabinet up to you and your Minister.

We will be urgently revising our 100 Day Plan guidance and providing that as soon as possible.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Hei konā mai
Harry



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Harry Chapman (he/him) | **Kaitātari Matua Kaupapahere – Senior Analyst, Regulatory Strategy Team | Te Tai Ōhanga – The Treasury**

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Note: I don't work Mondays

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From: Marika England [TSY] <Marika.England@treasury.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 10:00 AM
To: Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>
Cc: Harry Chapman [TSY] <Harry.Chapman@treasury.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Proposal 100 Day Action Plan - Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount - Reminder to progress proposal

Kia ora Gayelene,

I have an update to share on the RIA requirements for 100 Day Action Plan proposals. It looks like Cabinet has suspended the requirement for RISs for 100 day proposals which repeal legislation, although we have not yet seen the final version of the Cabinet paper or minute.

Although we recommend you still provide the RIS you prepared to Cabinet, whether or not you do that it is a decision for you and your Minister. Therefore we've provided two versions of the impact analysis wording depending on whether or not you want to provide the RIS:

No RIS attached

Cabinet has decided to suspend the requirement for Regulatory Impact Statements for decisions relating to 100 Day Plan proposals (taken within the 100 Days) which solely involve the repeal of legislation.

RIS attached

Some regulatory impact analysis has been developed and is attached in [appendix x].

Cabinet has decided to suspend the requirement for Regulatory Impact Statements for decisions relating to 100 Day Plan proposals (taken within the 100 Days) which solely involve the repeal of legislation. Nonetheless,

MOT has developed regulatory impact analysis to inform decision making [insert comment on limitations on the analysis].

Hei konā mai

Marika



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From: Marika England [TSY]

Sent: Monday, 27 November 2023 10:49 am

To: Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Proposal 100 Day Action Plan - Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount - Reminder to progress proposal

Thanks Gayelene, I can see that the info is in there - are you able to click the 'submit request for RIS confirmation' button? That should send it through properly 😊

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From: Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 27 November 2023 10:47 am

To: Marika England [TSY] <Marika.England@treasury.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Proposal 100 Day Action Plan - Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount - Reminder to progress proposal

I did this about 50 minutes ago – did it not work?

From: Marika England [TSY] <Marika.England@treasury.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 10:35 AM

To: Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Proposal 100 Day Action Plan - Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount - Reminder to progress proposal

Hi Gayelene,

Thanks very much for the update, that's great to hear. When you have a chance, could you please submit the process confirmation request in RIA Online? That way I can formalise the RIS arrangement/Cabinet paper wording once I am able and all our records will be correct.

Best,
Marika



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From: Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 27 November 2023 10:33 am

To: Marika England [TSY] <Marika.England@treasury.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Proposal 100 Day Action Plan - Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount - Reminder to progress proposal

Hi Marika

Thanks very much. I have done a RIS and it has been assessed internally.

Cheers Gayelene

Gayelene Wright (she/her)

Kaitohutohu Mātāmua, Hoahoa Kaupapa Here Taiao | Principal Adviser, Environment, Emissions Policy Design

Te Manatū Waka - Ministry of Transport

s 9(2)(a) g.wright@transport.govt.nz



From: Marika England [TSY] <Marika.England@treasury.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 10:20 AM

To: Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Proposal 100 Day Action Plan - Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount - Reminder to progress proposal

Hi Gayelene,

Just an FYI that the below email is an automatic reminder from RIA Online and my previous information still stands! I will let you know as soon as possible about any updates to RIA requirements for 100 day plan proposals.

Best,
Marika



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From: RIA Online <RIA.Online@treasury.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 27 November 2023 10:01 am

To: Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>

Cc: Marika England [TSY] <Marika.England@treasury.govt.nz>

Subject: Proposal 100 Day Action Plan - Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount - Reminder to progress proposal
Importance: Low

[IN-CONFIDENCE]

Thanks for creating a proposal in RIA Online. We've noticed you have entered the preliminary details for a proposal but have not yet applied for an exemption or process confirmation.

To progress to the next stage for RIA Team feedback, please click back into the proposal from [the list](#) by clicking on the proposal's title. This will take you to a page where you can view the proposal.

Select the navy blue 'Edit' button in the top left corner, and then select a tab across the top to fill in. Move your way through these as necessary. You can save a draft of the form if you want to keep working on it another time. The Early Engagement, CIPA, Exemption Application, and Process Confirmation tabs correlate to the tabs in the old Process Confirmation excel form.

Please note that the CIPA tab must be submitted before the Exemption Application or Process Confirmation tab can be progressed.

In order to spur the RIA Team into action, you must not only fill in the proposal tab, but also the Process confirmation tab or Exemption tab (and remember to submit, rather than just saving the draft).

Once a proposal has requested early engagement, an exemption, or process confirmation, the RIA Team can work on processing your request. You will receive notifying emails when decisions are made by the RIA Team on your requests.

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Carol Rios Diaz

From: Ainsley Smith
Sent: Thursday, 16 November 2023 3:40 pm
To: CIPA
Cc: Gayelene Wright
Subject: CCD discontinuation
Attachments: CIPA - CCD settings change Dec 2023 (1).docx

Hi CIPA team,

Please find attached the partially completed CIPA form. If you could complete the CIPA statement that would be appreciated.

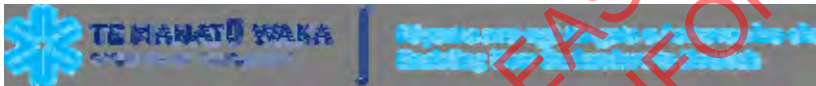
I am happy to walk through any details of the modelling although it has been done on the same basis as the last changes earlier in the year so I wouldn't expect you to have significant concern about the quality of the work on this occasion.

Gayelene the internal version is saved here and I will update this once I get the wording back from MFE, this wording will go into the CIPA sheet as well as the cabinet paper.

Kind regards,

Ainsley Smith
Principal Economist
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Climate Implications of Policy Assessment: Disclosure Sheet

This disclosure sheet provides the responsible department's best estimate of the greenhouse gas emissions impacts for New Zealand that would arise from the implementation of the policy proposal or option described below. It has been prepared to help inform Cabinet decisions about this policy. It is broken down by periods that align with New Zealand's future emissions budgets.

Section 1: General information

General information	
Name/title of policy proposal or policy option:	Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount
Agency responsible for the Cabinet paper:	Ministry of Transport/Te Manatū Waka
Date finalised:	16 November 2023
Short description of the policy proposal:	Discontinuing the Clean Car Discount from the 1 Jan 2024

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Section 2: Greenhouse gas emission impacts

Sector & source	Changes in greenhouse gas emissions in kilotonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (AR5 Kt CO ₂ -e)						Cumulative impact
	2020–25	2026–30	2031–35	2036–40	2041–45	2046–50	
Clean Car Discount is discontinued	50 to 81	317 to 588	311 to 627	219 to 450	138 to 287	70 to 147	1104 to 2181

Section 3: Additional information

Additional information

The Clean Car Discount is an initiative that reduces emissions; however because this initiative is being discontinued the figures represent an increase to GHG emissions.

The modelling has assumed that the Cabinet agreed settings will take effect in 1 January 2024.

High to low ranges of impact have been provided to give a sense of the level of uncertainty of these changes.

Emissions impact estimates exclude electricity impacts as these are insignificant.

Section 4: Quality assurance

Quality assurance

To be completed by MFE

Carol Rios Diaz

From: Ainsley Smith
Sent: Thursday, 23 November 2023 1:40 pm
To: CIPA
Cc: Gayelene Wright
Subject: RE: [IN-CONFIDENCE]RE: CCD discontinuation

No worries, although I would suggest a change to the yellow text to improve the accuracy of the statement.

From: CIPA <CIPA@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 1:25 PM
To: CIPA <CIPA@mfe.govt.nz>; Ainsley Smith <A.Smith2@transport.govt.nz>
Cc: Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>
Subject: [IN-CONFIDENCE]RE: CCD discontinuation

Apologies, please disregard the high levels of uncertainty bit which I have since removed from below.

The Climate Implications of Policy Assessment (CIPA) team has been consulted and confirms that the CIPA requirements apply to this proposal. The discontinuation of the clean car discount is expected to result in a total cumulative increase in emissions of approximately 1,100 to 2,200 Kt CO₂-e by 2050. Eliminating rebates for low emissions vehicles and fees for high emission vehicles is expected to elevate emissions due to a potential decrease in the adoption of low emissions, resulting in higher uptake of higher emissions vehicles. The CIPA team has reviewed the results and considers them reasonable for indicating the impact of this change.

From: CIPA <CIPA@mfe.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2023 12:07 PM
To: Ainsley Smith <A.Smith2@transport.govt.nz>
Cc: Gaylene Wright [EXTERNAL] (TRANSPORT) <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: CCD discontinuation

Kia ora Ainsley,

See below for the CIPA statement.

Please feel free to make adjustments to the wording if you need especially that highlight in case I have misunderstood the implications.

The Climate Implications of Policy Assessment (CIPA) team has been consulted and confirms that the CIPA requirements apply to this proposal. The discontinuation of the clean car discount is expected to result in a total cumulative increase in emissions of approximately 1,100 to 2,200 Kt CO₂-e by 2050. Eliminating incentives for battery electric vehicles (BEVs) is expected to elevate emissions due to a potential decrease in the adoption of BEVs, resulting in higher prevalence of traditional, emissions producing vehicles. The CIPA team has reviewed the results and considers them reasonable for indicating the impact of this change, given the high level of uncertainty.

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From: Ainsley Smith <A.Smith2@transport.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 1:03 PM
To: CIPA <CIPA@mfe.govt.nz>

Cc: Gaylene Wright [EXTERNAL] (TRANSPORT) <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: CCD discontinuation

Hi,

Just following up on this as it seems that our timelines have been brought forwards with this working needing to be finalised this week.

Are you able to respond by this Thursday?

Ainsley

From: Ainsley Smith

Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2023 3:40 PM

To: CIPA <cipa@mfe.govt.nz>

Cc: Gaylene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>

Subject: CCD discontinuation

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Kind regards,

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From: Dominic Cowell-Smith
Sent: Thursday, 14 December 2023 2:36 pm
To: Nick Paterson; Emma Wardle
Cc: Helen FionaWhite; Gayelene Wright; Sigurd Magnusson; OCU
Subject: RE: OIA consultation - CIPA on CCD removal - OC231051

Thanks Nick

Just to clarify, MoT should be proceeding with preparing the proactive release. The office will confirm timeframes for publication of the proactive release, but appreciated if MoT could hold off responding for now,

Ngā mihi
Dom



Dominic Cowell-Smith

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From: Nick Paterson <N.Paterson@transport.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 14 December 2023 2:23 PM
To: Dominic Cowell-Smith <Dominic.Cowell-Smith@parliament.govt.nz>; Emma Wardle <E.Wardle@transport.govt.nz>
Cc: Helen FionaWhite <Helen.FionaWhite@parliament.govt.nz>; Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>; Sigurd Magnusson <S.Magnusson@transport.govt.nz>; OCU <ocu@transport.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: OIA consultation - CIPA on CCD removal - OC231051

Thanks Dom,

We will need confirmation from the Office that we can proceed with the proactive release before we would be able to refuse this. We can hold off on responding for now while the Office considers that matter.

Cheers

Nick

Nick Paterson

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From: Dominic Cowell-Smith <Dominic.Cowell-Smith@parliament.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 1:00 PM

To: Emma Wardle <E.Wardle@transport.govt.nz>

Cc: Helen FionaWhite <helen.fionawhite@parliament.govt.nz>; Nick Paterson <N.Paterson@transport.govt.nz>; Gayelene Wright <g.wright@transport.govt.nz>; Sigurd Magnusson <S.Magnusson@transport.govt.nz>; OCU <ocu@transport.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: OIA consultation - CIPA on CCD removal - OC231051

Kia ora Emma

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this. The office is of the view the release of the CIPA should be considered as part of the wider proactive release of the RIS and therefore refused under section 18(d).

Thanks very much,

Ngā mihi
Dom



Dominic Cowell-Smith

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From: Dominic Cowell-Smith
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2023 4:08 pm
To: Nick Paterson; Ministers Office
Cc: Siobhan Routledge; Environment; OCU
Subject: RE: ATTN: HELEN/DOM Clean Car Discount proactive release

Thanks Nick, confirming receipt. Will get back to you on this as soon as possible

Ngā mihi
Dom



Dominic Cowell-Smith

Private Secretary (Transport) | Office of Hon Simeon Brown
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From: Nick Paterson <N.Paterson@transport.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2023 12:27 PM
To: Ministers Office <MinistersOffice@transport.govt.nz>
Cc: Siobhan Routledge <S.Routledge@transport.govt.nz>; Environment <Environment@transport.govt.nz>; OCU <ocu@transport.govt.nz>
Subject: ATTN: HELEN/DOM Clean Car Discount proactive release
Importance: High

Kia ora Helen/Dom

Please see below a summary of the documents proposed for proactive release with respect to ending the Clean Car Discount

Attached are the mark up versions for docs where we are proposing to withhold information, and redacted versions applying redactions and watermarks for all docs.

We would appreciate a response from the Office as soon as possible, and if we are able to proceed with the proactive release either today (or early next week) that would be helpful in responding to the many OIA requests we have received for this information. Currently we have 14 OIA requests (including 2 OIAs to the Minister). Provided we can do a proactive release by early next week, about 9 of these could be responded to before the Christmas break (by refusing the request under 18(d) and providing a link to the proactive release). The remainders could be refused in part next year (once the additional information that has not been proactively released is collated, analysed, and consulted on – this includes the 2 OIAs to the Minister). Additionally, I note, proactively releasing this information is also expected to reduce the of further requests we or the Minister may otherwise receive.

Item	Approach	Notes
OC230926 Advice on ending the Clean Car Discount (briefing paper)	Release in part Grounds for withholding:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s 9(2)(h) – legal privilege • s 9(2)(a) – privacy 	
OC230965 Ending the Clean Car Discount Scheme (Cabinet paper)	Release in part Grounds for withholding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s 9(2)(h) – legal privilege • s 9(2)(f)(iv) – maintain confidentiality of advice for the time being (relating to Budget sensitive advice) 	We have notified Treasury and NZTA on information relevant to them.
CAB-23-MIN-0471	Release in part Grounds for withholding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s 9(2)(f)(iv) – maintain confidentiality of advice for the time being (relating to s 9(2)(f)(iv)) 	
Regulatory Impact Statement	Release in full	Note we are proposing to release the final certified RIS dated 30 November. The only difference between this version, and the version provided to the Minister on 28 November, is that the implementation section on pg 22 has been updated to reflect when the scheme will end.
Climate Implications of Policy Assessment	Release in full	We have previously consulted with MfE on the release of the CIPA.
OC230967 Land Transport (Clean Vehicle Discount Scheme Repeal) Amendment Bill (Cabinet paper)	Release in full	We have consulted PCO of the release of advice they provided.
CAB-23-MIN-0485	Release in full	
OC231022 Next steps to legislate the end of the Clean Car Discount	Release in part Grounds for withholding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • s 9(2)(a) – privacy 	Note that the attachments to the briefing are not included in this proactive release. The Departmental Disclosure Statement is already publicly available and the speeches made to the House are recorded in Hansard.

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