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Tēnā koe 

I refer to your email dated 19 September 2023, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *“What consultancy reports/market research/polling/surveys has the Ministry of Transport contracted/requested/conducted in the past six weeks?”*
- *For each of these consultancy reports/market research/polling/surveys, on what dates were these contracted/requested/conducted, for what purposes were they contracted/requested/conducted, and on what dates are they expected to be complete?”*

Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) requested four pieces of work in the past six weeks (8 August 2023 – 19 September 2023). The purpose of this work along with dates requested and expected completion dates is summarised in the attached Annex 1.

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 <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>

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

Nāku noa, nā



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Annex 1

Name of the Consultancy Reports/Market Research/Polling/Surveys	Date contracted/requested/ conducted	Purpose	Expected Completion Date
Survey - Land Based Recreation Quarterly Survey	1-12 September 2023	New Zealand Search and Rescue is seeking to better understand the practices and safety behaviours of people undertaking land-based recreation in order to improve safety outcomes and reduce the need for search and rescue.	6 October 2024
Report - Review of the Total Mobility Scheme	11 September 2023	The Ministry is seeking to conduct an independent review of the Total Mobility scheme, including significant engagement with the disability community to understand issues and possible improvements within the system.	July 2024
Research - Heavy Road Vehicle Operator Decisions	18 September 2023	To help the Ministry to develop its understanding of the operational and financing decisions heavy road vehicle operators face when deciding what vehicles to use. The research will inform modelling around zero and low emissions heavy vehicle uptake (both for baseline projections and policy impact estimates), fill research gaps identified in the Decarbonising Transport Research Strategy, and support future actions from the Freight and Supply Chain strategy.	March 2024
Research - Requested Quotes for Regulatory Barriers for Zero-Emission Shipping	18 September 2023	The Ministry is seeking a researcher to identify the specific issues in New Zealand's regulatory framework that could act as an obstacle to the operation of a zero-emission shipping service. The scope of the research should extend beyond the transport system, to include all legislation that would impact the operation of a zero-emission shipping service (e.g. fuel standards, health & safety). The successful supplier will be expected to engage directly with ship operators to get a practical perspective of the relevant regulatory considerations. The research will help the Government to take steps to optimise regulatory frameworks to enable the operation of ships using alternative fuels.	April 2024