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I refer to your request, dated 29 March 2022, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, seeking information on multiple documents. Your initial request was submitted to the office of Hon Dr Megan Woods. However, since the information to which your request relates is believed to be more closely connected with our portfolio responsibilities, the request for the following paper has been transferred to Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982:

"Next steps and options for emerging aviation funding" (1 November 2021)

The document is being withheld in full under the following grounds:

- section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 "to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials"
- section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Official Information Act 1982 "to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression or opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown, or members of an organisation, or officers and employees of any public service agency, or organisation in the course of their duty".

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

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Yours sincerely

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