

OC220722

30 August 2022

s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s 9(2),

I refer to your email dated 14 August 2022, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"To Whom It May Concern,

Under the Official Information Act 1982, I wish to seek all evidence that the New Zealand Transport Agency obtains to back up its statement that "while our knowledge is currently limited, we know that Māori are inequitably impacted by the transport system," as seen on its website below.

Specifically, where the New Zealand Transport Agency has obtained such evidence from, if at all.

https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/strategy-and-direction/a-transport-system-for-aotearoa/

Kind regards,

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Your request was transferred to Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) on 15 August 2022 as it pertains to the Ministry-led project *He Waka Maiangi He Aotearoa* (He Waka Maiangi).

He Waka Maiangi seeks to strengthen the Ministry's evidence base to inform areas where transport policy and planning could be improved to help deliver better transport outcomes for Māori, now and into the future.

Four documents fall within the scope of your request seeking "all evidence obtained" to back up the statement that Māori are "inequitably impacted by the transport system." These sources are publicly available, and I have included links to the information below:

1. <u>HE PŪRONGO WHAKAHAUMARU HUARAHI MŌ NGĀ IWI MĀORI I Māori road safety outcomes</u>

- 2. Transport Indicators 20-21 Inclusive Access
- 3. Equity In Auckland's Transport System Summary Report
- 4. Road To Zero New Zealand's Road Safety Strategy 2020 2030

While we derived our understanding of Māori inequity in transport from the latest available information at the time of publishing the cited webpage, work is ongoing to build our evidence base through He Waka Maiangi. This has included working alongside our transport agency partners.

For example, we collaborated with Waka Kotahi as they developed and then released a research report in June 2022 'A pathway towards understanding Māori aspirations for land transport in Aotearoa New Zealand.'

There is also a range of other information from different government and non-government organisations that you may be interested in:

- The 'Rates of driver license holding in Aotearoa New Zealand' note
- The Pātaka Raraunga website that provides data, tools, and reports on Te Āo Māori
- The Ahurea Māori Culture page on the Statistics New Zealand website
- The Census page on the Statistics New Zealand website
- Waka Kotahi's Open Data webpage
- The Te Ao Māori Knowledge Hub on the Transport Knowledge Hub

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

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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