

OC250100

28 February 2025

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

I refer to your email dated 10 February, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“evidence/data of royal assent by way of written declaration/signature of the Sovereign, or more likely that of the Governor-general, or of an official representative of the Crown, whichever was the case in the aforementioned two Acts;
'Land Transport Act 1998'
'Transport Vehicle and Driver Registration and Licensing Act 1986’”*

The documents you have asked for, also known as ‘Assented Versions’, are not held by the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) but are held by Archives New Zealand. We have not transferred your request under the Official Information Act as your request is dealt with under the Public Records Act’s access regime.

Archives NZ has advised that the records in question are part of series 8006 Assented Acts (retained), which are held in the Archives NZ Wellington office - [https://collections.archives.govt.nz/en/web/arena/search#/entity/aims-archive/8006/assented-acts-\(retained\)?q=assented+acts&source=aims-archive](https://collections.archives.govt.nz/en/web/arena/search#/entity/aims-archive/8006/assented-acts-(retained)?q=assented+acts&source=aims-archive). All records in this series are open access and are available to view in the Wellington Reading room. You can book a session here <https://www.archives.govt.nz/about-us/contact-us>. You can also reach out for assistance using their ‘Ask an Archivist’ service at <https://www.archives.govt.nz/about-us/services-we-offer/ask-an-archivist>.

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's website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'HAR', followed by a horizontal line and a small dash.

Hilary Penman
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