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7 September 2022

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Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a),

I refer to your email dated 10 August 2022, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“please provide details of MoT’s “more expansive assurance role throughout the implementation of the NLTP to make sure that the GPS is being given effect to.” ”

I note that this quotation is from an August 2019 briefing (OC190486) from the Ministry of Transport (the “Ministry”) to the Minister of Transport.

Since that time the Ministry has taken a number of actions to expand its GPS assurance role, including:

- A joint Ministry-Waka Kotahi (NZ Transport Agency) programme to review the Investment Decision Making Framework (IDMF) that Waka Kotahi uses to assess projects has been completed. Information about that review, and on-going work to improve the IDMF, can be found at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/funding-and-investing/investment-decision-making-framework-review/>.
- The Ministry has developed a set of performance measures to link GPS short-term results, long term results and priorities. These include input measures, output measures and outcome measures. These measures are updated at each iteration of the GPS to reflect changes in strategic priorities and data environment.
- The Ministry has published annual reports of collective progress against delivery of the objectives of GPS 2018. The final annual report (i.e. GPS 2018 Year 3 report) can be found here: <https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/GPS-2018-Year-3-Annual-Report-v2.pdf>. The first annual report of GPS 2021 will be available in 2023.
- Since 2018, two evaluations of the GPS have been completed. The value for money framework review is available here: <https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-MoT-Value-For-Money-Report.pdf>. The other evaluation, reviewing state highway maintenance spending, was completed recently. The results of this review will soon be published on the Ministry’s website.

- Two additional GPS evaluations, commissioned by the Ministry, are underway. This includes a GPS 2018 outcomes evaluation, that aims to improve our understanding of whether (and to what extent) GPS 2018 investments have achieved intended results. The other evaluation is on mode shift, focusing on the impact of GPS 2018 in setting signals and direction to support mode shift. It is anticipated that findings from these evaluations would assist the monitoring and implementation of GPS 2021 and the development of GPS 2024.
- It is our intention to continue undertaking/commissioning two GPS evaluations every year to generate the evidence-based required to understand the effectiveness and efficacy in delivering the GPS.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Herbert', written in a cursive style.

Tim Herbert
Manager Investment