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I refer to your request dated 8 March 2021, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), seeking copies of the following 37 papers:

1. Waka Kotahi's role in setting up Te Huia
2. Advice on a carbon neutral public service
3. KiwiRail NZ Upgrade Programme projects update: October 2020 (financials to 30 September)
4. Quarterly Report on Borrowing Facilities and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)
5. KiwiRail's Interisland Ferry replacement and the Wellington Ferry terminal
6. Public transport work programme and decarbonisation of the public transport bus fleet
7. COVID-19 Aviation Sector Recovery Strategy
8. Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) 2021-31 Update
9. The Congestion Question - release of Main Findings and Technical reports
10. Qantas-American Airlines 2020 Reauthorisation of Strategic Alliance
11. New Zealand Upgrade Programme Update - September 2020
12. New Zealand Upgrade Programme September 2020 Update - Cover Note
13. Tier 2 Briefing to Incoming Minister - Resource Management Act Reforms
14. Emissions work programme overview
15. Prioritising policies to move to a low carbon light vehicle fleet
16. Transport COVID-19 Response Programme Briefing
17. International Connections and the border
18. The Transport Emissions Action Plan
19. Pressures on New Zealand's sea and land freight supply chains
20. Ministerial consultation - COVID-19 testing of border workers: Phase 3 of the required testing
21. Current State of the National Land Transport Fund
22. COVID-19 - Financial stability of transport operators during COVID-19 and positioning for their recovery
23. Update on the Additional Waitematā Harbour Connections project
24. Waka Kotahi Funding and Financing
25. Te Reo Māori Policy for Road Signs
26. Direct Crown funded land transport projects and programmes
27. Regulatory loan drawdowns for Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
28. NZ Upgrade Programme -Transport update November 2020
29. National Land Transport Programme 2021-24 Development
30. Living wage for bus drivers
31. Cover note on Regional Fuel Tax Quarterly Report

32. Let's Get Wellington Moving
33. Land Transport Revenue Work Programme
34. Future of the Revenue System - Programme of work
35. NZUP Monthly Report - October 2020
36. Waka Kotahi Capital Project Delivery Performance and Pipeline
37. The headline target for the Clean Car Standard

Out of the 37 papers requested, 10 have been transferred to other agencies, one is still under active consideration (document 5), and five have been refused as they are publicly available (documents 2, 10, 15, 32 and 37).

Some information in document 8 includes matters under active consideration, with no decisions made as yet. In this case we have not released this information to you.

Table 1 outlines how the documents you have requested have been treated under the OIA. You will see that information has been withheld under the following Sections:

- Section 6(a), to prejudice the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the Government of New Zealand
- Section 6(b)(i), to prejudice the entrusting of information to the Government of New Zealand on a basis of confidence by the Government of any other country or any agency of such a Government
- Section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of natural persons
- Section 9(2)(b)(ii), to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- Section 9(2)(ba)(i), to protect information which is subject to a relationship of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or supplied from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv), maintaining the constitutional convention for the time being which protects the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- Section 9(2)(g)(i), to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty
- Section 9(2)(j), to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
- Section 18(d), that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available

I am satisfied that the public interest in releasing withheld information does not outweigh the reasons for withholding it at this time.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint about the withholding of information to the Ombudsman, who can be contacted at: info@ombudsman@parliament.nz.

The Ministry publishes our OIA 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.

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| Table 1 | | |
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| # | Document | Description of information withheld |
| 1 | Waka Kotahi's role in setting up Te Huia | Transferred to Waka Kotahi on 15 March 2021. |
| 2 | Advice on a carbon neutral public service Ministry for the Environment paper | Refused under Section 18(d). This paper is publicly available at: https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/13508-leading-the-way-establishing-a-carbon-neutral-government-programme-proactiverelease-pdf . |
| 3 | KiwiRail NZ Upgrade Programme projects update: October 2020 (financials to 30 September) | Transferred to KiwiRail on 15 March 2021. |
| 4 | Quarterly Report on Borrowing Facilities and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) | Transferred to Waka Kotahi on 15 March 2021. |
| 5 | OC200862 - KiwiRail's Interisland Ferry replacement and the Wellington Ferry terminal | Withheld in full under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 6 | OC200752 - Public transport work programme and decarbonisation of the public transport bus fleet | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i), 9(2)(f)(iv), and 9(2)(g)(i). |
| 7 | OC200876 - COVID-19 Aviation Sector Recovery Strategy | Some information withheld under Sections 6(a), 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i). |
| 8 | OC200870 - Auckland Transport Alignment Project (ATAP) 2021-31 Update (Reference number on this paper is different to the above – OC200409) | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 9 | OC200811 - The Congestion Question - release of Main Findings and Technical reports | Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a). Associated documents are publicly available on the Ministry's website at: https://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/auckland/the-congestion-question/ . |

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| 10 | OC200796 - Qantas-American Airlines 2020 Reauthorisation of Strategic Alliance | Refused under Section 18(d). This paper is publicly available at: Qantas Airways–American Airlines reauthorisation 2020 Ministry of Transport . |
| 11 | OC200793 - New Zealand Upgrade Programme Update - September 2020 | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(j). |
| 12 | OC200892 - New Zealand Upgrade Programme September 2020 Update - Cover Note | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i). |
| 13 | OC200788 - Tier 2 Briefing to Incoming Minister - Resource Management Act Reforms | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i). |
| 14 | OC200875 - Emissions work programme overview | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv). The three A3's referenced in this paper are withheld under Section 9(2)(f)(iv). |
| 15 | OC200770 - Prioritising policies to move to a low carbon light vehicle fleet | Refused under Section 18(d). This paper is publicly available at: https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Briefing/Prioritising-policies-to-move-to-a-low-carbon-light-vehicle-fleet.pdf . |
| 16 | OC200877 - Transport Covid-19 Response Programme Briefing | Some information withheld under Sections 6(a), 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i), and 9(2)(j). |
| 17 | OC200825 - International Connections and the Border | Some information withheld under Sections 6(a), 6(b)(i), 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), and 9(2)(g)(i). |
| 18 | OC200806 - The Transport Emissions Action Plan | Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a). |
| 19 | OC200888 - Pressures on New Zealand's sea and land freight supply chains | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(ba)(i), 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i). |
| 20 | OC200895 - Ministerial consultation - COVID-19 testing of border workers: Phase 3 of the required testing | Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a). |
| 21 | OC200827 - Current State of the National Land Transport Fund | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv). |

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| 22 | OC200838 - COVID-19 - Financial stability of transport operators during covid-19 and positioning for their recovery | Some information withheld under Sections 6(a), 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(j). |
| 23 | BRI-2066 Update on the Additional Waitematā Harbour Connections project | Transferred to Waka Kotahi on 15 March 2021. |
| 24 | BRI-2049 - Waka Kotahi Funding and Financing | Transferred to Waka Kotahi on 15 March 2021. |
| 25 | MIN-3512 - Te Reo Māori Policy for Road Signs | Transferred to Waka Kotahi on 15 March 2021. |
| 26 | OC200826 - Direct Crown funded land transport projects and programmes | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(i) and 9(2)(i). |
| 27 | OC200858 - Regulatory loan drawdowns for Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), and 9(2)(j). |
| 28 | OC200807 - NZ Upgrade Programme -Transport update November 2020 | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i) |
| 29 | BRI-2053 - National Land Transport Programme 2021-24 Development | Transferred to Waka Kotahi on 15 March 2021. |
| 30 | BRI-2071 - Living wage for bus drivers | Transferred to Waka Kotahi on 15 March 2021. |
| 31 | OC200893 - Cover note on Regional Fuel Tax Quarterly Report | Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a). Waka Kotahi the NZ Transport Agency's quarterly regional fuel tax reports can be viewed at: www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/regional-fuel-tax-quarterly-reports . |
| 32 | OC200867 - Let's Get Wellington Moving | Refused under Section 18(d). This paper is publicly available at: LetsGetWellingtonMoving.pdf(transport.govt.nz) . |
| 33 | OC200794 - Land Transport Revenue Work Programme | Some information withheld under Section 9(2)(a). |
| 34 | OC200816 - Future of the Revenue System - Programme of work | Some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv). |

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| 35 | MIN-3522 - NZUP Monthly Report - October 2020 | Transferred to Waka Kotahi on 15 March 2021. |
| 36 | BRI-2056 - Waka Kotahi Capital Project Delivery Performance and Pipeline | Transferred to Waka Kotahi on 15 March 2021. |
| 37 | OC200931 - The headline target for the Clean Car Standard | Refused under Section 18(d). This paper is publicly available at: https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Briefing/TheHeadlinesTargetfortheCleanCarStandard.pdf . |