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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your request dated 24 February 2022, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, seeking *any reports* from the autonomous vehicles (AVs) work programme.

As you have acknowledged, the last publicly available information on the AVs work programme webpage was published at the end of 2020. The Ministry has since undertaken further work to better understand the potential risks and opportunities that AVs present to New Zealand. Some of our more recent work has been published under different sections of the Ministry's website. For example, we are currently preparing a [long-term insights briefing \(LTIB\) on the impact of autonomous vehicles operating on New Zealand roads](#) that will be tabled in Parliament around June this year.

We had an initial round of public consultation on the scope and content of the LTIB in September 2021. A summary of submissions can be found at the link above. In May this year, the full draft briefing will be released for public consultation. We encourage you to have a look at the LTIB webpage and submit on the draft document once it is released for consultation (if you so wish).

Prior to the development of the LTIB we also produced a series of background papers to inform our work on AVs. These papers can be found at the bottom of the LTIB webpage (as hyperlinked above).

Your email has highlighted the need for us to connect our existing work on the LTIB with the main AVs work programme webpage. We are communicating with our digital team to include all related work on the main AVs page.

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you will be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Yours sincerely,



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