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Tēnā koe

I refer to your email dated 24 January 2023, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*"all advice on the issue of incentives or subsidies for ebikes produced or tendered since 1 January 2022. This includes cabinet papers, aides memoires, briefing notes, and reports, but I am happy to exclude emails."* 

All information is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Minsters of the Crown and officials

With regard to the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding the information at this time are not outweighed by public interest considerations that would make it desirable to make the information available.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u>

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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