


OC221064

10 January 2023



Tēnā koe 

I refer to your email dated Thursday 24 November 2022, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“information regarding any talk of a renewal of the Total Mobility Scheme providing 75% off taxi/bus fares after it ends in January 2023”.

Five documents in total fall within the scope of your request. A document schedule is provided in Annex One.

Three documents are withheld in full under the following section of the Act:

9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers 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.

The remaining two documents are being refused under the following section of the Act:

18(d) the information requested is or will soon be publicly available

We expect to publish the relevant information on our website (www.transport.govt.nz) within the next eight working weeks.

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

Nāku noa, nā



Helen White
Manager, Mobility and Safety

ANNEX 1 - DOCUMENT SCHEDULE

Doc#	Document	Decision on release
1		Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
2		Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
3	OC220972 – Cabinet paper – “Taking action on fuel prices – Next steps”	Refused in full under section 18(d).
4	OC220972 – Talking points – “Taking action on fuel prices – Next steps”	Refused in full under section 18(d).
5		Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).