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Dear John

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 19 June 2015 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 'all information on the defecation incident in Mt Victoria Tunnel on June 11, 2015 and the investigation into the incident.
- all CCTV footage of the incident, respectfully pixelated if necessary.
- the total cost in delays and economic impacts of the incident'.

The following document falls within the scope of your request and is attached:
Attachment 1: Health & Safety & Environmental – Incident Report Form, 11 June 2015

Certain information has been withheld from this document under section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Our CCTV video footage is only maintained for 72 hours; at that point it is automatically deleted from our operating system. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act as the information requested does not exist.

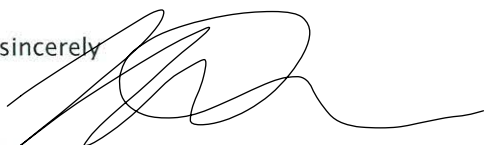
We have not carried out an assessment into cost of delays and economic impacts, as the brief nature of the closure and the fact that alternative routes existed and it was well outside peak hour would have meant any impacts were minor. It's important to note that the road was not closed because of the incident. The tunnel had been closed overnight for maintenance, and the scheduled re-opening was delayed slightly. There was no cost to the NZ Transport Agency, as the clean-up was part of our network operations contract. Therefore, this part of your request is also refused under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to refuse information. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10152
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If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andy Knackstedt our National Media Manager by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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