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REF: OIA-4478

Dear Amanda

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 3 December 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

all briefings to the Minister of Transport regarding enforcement and compliance issues at the NZ Transport agency and the commercial vehicle safety team.

This request is for briefings provided to the current Minister since his appointment in 2017, and briefings provided to his predecessor from the beginning of 2016.

I am also seeking a current figure for the cost of:
- the Meredith Connell compliance review
- vouchers for WOF and COF rechecks required

I address each of your points below.

Briefings to the Minister of Transport regarding enforcement and compliance issues:

The following briefings to the Minister of Transport fall within the scope of the first part of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1: BRI-1314 – Revoking record of determination for Peter Wastney Engineering certified tow bars – 17 April 2018;
- Attachment 2: BRI-1387 – NZTA response to heavy vehicle towing connection certification issues – 21 June 2018.

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

Some information has also been withheld under section 6(c) of the Act. This is to protect the Transport Agency's ability to detect and investigate offences.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Cost of the external review of 850 open compliance files by Meredith Connell:

The estimated total cost to date of the NZ Transport Agency's external review of 850 open compliance files is \$883,000 (exc. GST) as at 30 November 2018. This is the most current estimate available.

Cost of vouchers for WoF and CoF re-checks:

As of 10 December 2018, the NZ Transport Agency had paid \$25,844.22 for Warrant of Fitness (WoF) inspection vouchers which had been redeemed by customers. This figure is subject to change, as the voucher redemption process takes place in two stages. Once customers receive a voucher they can take it to any WoF provider, who will then invoice the Transport Agency directly. Some providers do this invoicing daily, while others may invoice weekly or monthly.

The Transport Agency is not currently providing vouchers for Certificate of Fitness re-inspections.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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