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Dear Amanda

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 4 March 2019 requesting the following information:

Can I have the names of the companies and individuals paid \$6.63m to develop software/apps since CJS was established.

You made a further request on 7 March 2019 for the below information:

who is developing the AT Mobile app and what is it?

Choice will continue to be supported as a proof of concept application in Otago and will provide a base application that other local government partners will be able to use if they wish to implement MaaS in their region. It is anticipated to go live in Autumn 2019.

- *does this mean NZTA tested Choice and is now leaving it up to individual local authorities to set up their own versions of it?*
- *is this just for Otago, other individual regions, or is there going to be a national version?*
- *what exactly is going live "in autumn"?*

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

I will answer your questions in turn below.

- 1) Can I have the names of the companies and individuals paid \$6.63m to develop software/apps since CJS was established.

Due to the number of companies or individuals involved in each application, a breakdown of the costs associated could identify the amount paid to each party. Therefore, this part of your request has been declined under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information where making the information available would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

- 2) who is developing the AT Mobile app and what is it?

Auckland Transport (AT) is responsible for the AT Mobile app. As the app is not being developed by the Transport Agency, I am unable to comment further on its purpose or function.

If you would like further information on this project, please redirect your query to officialinformation@at.govt.nz.

- 3) Choice will continue to be supported as a proof of concept application in Otago and will provide a base application that other local government partners will be able to use if they wish to implement MaaS in their region. It is anticipated to go live in Autumn 2019. does this mean NZTA tested Choice and is now leaving it up to individual local authorities to set up their own versions of it?

The Transport Agency established the Mobility Marketplace platform in 2018 and tested it through the use of the Choice and RideMate pilots in Queenstown and Auckland. We are engaging with regional councils on options for a regionally specific application. Local authorities will have the option of using an application established by the Transport Agency and tailoring it to their region or creating their own region-specific application, both will use the Mobility Marketplace platform.

- 4) is this just for Otago, other individual regions, or is there going to be a national version?

The app and the Mobility Marketplace are not Otago or Queenstown specific. We will continue to work with Queenstown for the pilot of the ChoiceGo application. The pilots have provided us with significant information which are informing further developments on the Mobility Marketplace platform and the ChoiceGo app.

- 5) what exactly is going live "in autumn"?

The Mobility Marketplace platform is anticipated to go live in Autumn 2019; the platform will go live through the test app in Queenstown.

The Mobility Marketplace is a real-time data processing platform which brings together various sources of transport information from providers. The platform is stateless, meaning it does not store data from interactions with providers, developers or customers. Because the platform is not slowed down by storing data, it can process all of New Zealand's data as it happens in real-time. The platform is operated on strong open-data principles.

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.

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

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Jasmine Higginson, Lower North Island Media Manager, by email to jasmine.higginson@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 903 2315.

Yours sincerely



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