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Dear Hamish

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 5 April 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *any documents generated as a result of the conversation, including both internal documents and those*
- *If it is not contained in any documents, Mr Ratcliffe's recollection of the discussion. Previously the Ombudsman has required recollections to be recounted.*
- *any other documents generated by NZTA or received by NZTA related to Mr Jones comments or actions related to the Semenoff case*

I can confirm a brief conversation about the Stan Semenoff Logging compliance case took place with Minister Jones at the conclusion of a meeting on an unrelated issue on Monday 25 March at approximately 6.30pm.

Minister Jones asked for more information on the Stan Semenoff Logging Compliance Case, which the NZ Transport Agency provided.

I have enclosed the following document that is within the scope of your request:

- attachment 1: MIN-3043 – Stan Semenoff

No other documents have been created or received by the Transport Agency in relation to Minister Jones' comments on Stan Semenoff Logging Ltd.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision on your request. You can find the contact details for the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RM', with a large, sweeping flourish at the bottom.

Richard May

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