

27 November 2019

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REF: OIA-5957

Dear Emma

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 15 October 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

All emails, audits and reports since January 1 2019 to do with Pacific Haulage
All emails, audits and reports since January 1 2019 to do with Kiwi Coaches

All emails, audits and reports held by the Transport Agency regarding Pacific Haulage Limited, from 1 January 2019, are provided in **Attachment 1**.

In order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons, personal information, including names and direct dial contact numbers, has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act and information that is subject to professional legal privilege has been withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the Act. Information has also been held under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of Act to protect the commercial position of the person who is the subject of the information and section 18(c)(i) of the Act on the basis that release of the information would be contrary to the provisions of a specified enactment.

Further information has been withheld under section 6(c) of the Act as its release may prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial and section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act which allows the withholding of information which would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied.

All emails, audits and reports regarding Kiwi Coaches NZ Limited, from 1 January 2019, is information which is subject to an ongoing investigation. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 6(c) of the Act. This section allows information to be refused where its release may prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.

With respect to the information that has been refused and 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 withhold and refuse this 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 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 'Brett Aldridge', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brett Aldridge
Regulatory Compliance Lead