

20 June 2023



REF: OIA-12568

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 1 May 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Copies of any advice provided to the Minister of Transport or any other ministries dating back as far as 1 July 2019 related to:

- 1. The condition of the state highway network*
- 2. Maintenance expenditure on the state highway network*
- 3. Unfunded depreciation levels on the state highway network*
- 4. Requests for additional funding related to network maintenance*
- 5. Concerns around pavement condition on the state highway network.*
- 6. Financial constraints impacting Waka Kotahi's ability to deliver on policy objectives.*

On 29 May 2023, we extended the timeframe for responding to your request by 15 working days as your request required the collation of a significant amount of information and consultation with third parties.

We have identified 30 documents within the scope of your request and nine documents are enclosed with this letter, as detailed in the document schedule. Certain information has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons

A further nine documents are either published on our website or will soon be proactively released. These documents are refused under section 18(d) of the Act as the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. These documents are published on our website at: www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/advice-provided-to-ministers/.

Certain information is or will be withheld from the proactively released documents under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(b)(ii) – to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information
- 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

We have made a decision to release to in you, in-part, the remaining 12 documents within the scope of your request, and we are working to finalise our response regarding these documents without undue delay. We anticipate being able to provide our final response to you on or before 4 July 2023. Please note that certain information will be withheld under the provisions of the Act, including but not limited to:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(g)(i) – to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any department or organisation in the course of their duty.

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 on this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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OIA-12568 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Withholding/refusal grounds
1.	BRI-1736 NLTP Expenditure – Roads Maintenance Summary	8/08/2019	Released in full
2.	BRI-1737 State Highway Maintenance White Paper	31/10/2019	Released subject to the withholding of staff phone numbers under section 9(2)(a)
3.	BRI-1738 Impact of weather events on road maintenance costs	1/08/2019	Decision on request
4.	BRI-1790 National Land Transport Programme	11/09/2019	Released subject to the withholding of staff phone numbers under section 9(2)(a)
5.	BRI-1821 Start of the summer season	10/10/2019	Decision on request
6.	BRI-1900 Impact of weather events on road maintenance costs (February 2020 Update)	21/02/2020	Released subject to the withholding of staff phone numbers under section 9(2)(a)
7.	BRI-2002 National Land Transport Fund expenditure update – August 2020	25/08/2020	Released subject to the withholding of staff phone numbers under section 9(2)(a)
8.	BRI-2049 Waka Kotahi Funding and Financing	12/11/2020	Released subject to the withholding of staff phone numbers under section 9(2)(a)
9.	BRI-2053 National Land Transport Programme 2021-24 Development	20/11/2020	Decision on request
10.	BRI-2181 Implications of Recommended Investment levels on Continuous Allocations	27/05/2021	Released subject to the withholding of staff phone numbers under section 9(2)(a)
11.	BRI-2237 Meeting with the Taranaki Mayoral Forum (excerpt)	28/07/2021	Decision on request
12.	BRI-2335 Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on the National Land Transport Fund	18/11/2021	Decision on request
13.	BRI-2517 Briefings for Incoming Associate Minister-Regional summaries	July/August 2022	Refused under section 18(d) - https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/national-land-transport-programme/2021-24-nltp/regional-summaries/
14.	BRI-2557 Update on the National Land Transport Fund and National Land Transport Programme Investment Targets	2/09/2022	Decision on request

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15.	BRI-2594 Refining our approach to maintenance, renewals, and wider resilience activities	12/10/2022	Refused under section 18(d) - www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/advice-provided-to-ministers/2022/advice-provided-to-ministers-202210.zip Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(g)(i)
16.	MIN-3095 National Land Transport Programme – State Highway Maintenance	08/07/2019	Decision on request
17.	MIN-3412 Advice on how the Transport Agency could accelerate its PGF-funded state highway projects in Tairāwhiti	19/03/2020	Decision on request
18.	MIN-3415 Update on enhanced maintenance package	7/08/2020	Decision on request
19.	MIN-3578 Meeting with AA on road maintenance on 3 May 2021	30/04/2021	Decision on request
20.	MIN-3693 Rural Road Maintenance and Heavy Vehicles	2/09/2021	Decision on request
21.	MIN-3951 Ongoing issues regarding road maintenance	1/09/2022	Refused under section 18(d) - www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/advice-provided-to-ministers/2022/advice-provided-to-ministers-202209.zip
22.	MIN-4061 Maintenance and the NOC review	16/02/2023	Refused under section 18(d) - www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/advice-provided-to-ministers/2023/papers-provided-to-ministers-202302.zip
23.	MINO-261 Maintenance activity classes	12/07/2021	Decision on request
24.	MINO-404 Maintenance infographics	8/06/2022	Released in full
25.	MINO-435 Questions about maintenance of roads	4/08/2022	Released in full
26.	MINO-492 Follow up on the BRI-1737 regarding SH Maintenance White Paper 2019	31/10/2022	Refused under section 18(d) - www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/advice-provided-to-ministers/2022/advice-provided-to-ministers-202211.zip

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27.	MINO-522 Maintenance infographics	14/11/2022	Refused under section 18(d) - www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us/docs/advice-provided-to-ministers/2022/advice-provided-to-ministers-202211.zip
28.	MINO-622 Trend of Maintenance Spend Across Councils	14/03/2023	Refused under section 18(d) Soon to be publicly available at www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/advice-provided-to-ministers/ Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii)
29.	MINO-664 Follow up - Trend of Maintenance Spend Across Councils	15/03/2023	Refused under section 18(d) Soon to be publicly available at www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/advice-provided-to-ministers/
30.	MINO-684 Follow up - Trend of Maintenance Spend Across Councils	6/04/2023	Refused under section 18(d) Soon to be publicly available at www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/advice-provided-to-ministers/