

6 July 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 20 June 2023, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency provided you with a decision on your request which set out our response for 18 of the 30 documents within scope of your request. We advised you of our decision on the remaining 12 documents within scope of your request, noting that we would provide a final response for these documents without undue delay.

I am now writing to confirm the remaining information that is released to you and enclosed with this letter.

Eleven of the documents will be sent to you on 6 July 2023 as detailed in the document schedule.

Certain information has been withheld under the following provisions of the Act:

- 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.
- 9(2)(j) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

One document is withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

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](http://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](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely



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Manager Ministerial Services - Enterprise

**OIA-12568 Tranche Two Document Schedule**

Ref	Document	Date	Withholding/refusal grounds
1.	BRI-1738 Impact of weather events on road maintenance costs	1/08/2019	Released in full
2.	BRI-1821 Start of the summer season	10/10/2019	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
3.	BRI-2053 National Land Transport Programme 2021-24 Development	20/11/2020	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act
4.	BRI-2237 Meeting with the Taranaki Mayoral Forum (excerpt)	28/07/2021	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act Out of scope information removed
5.	BRI-2335 Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on the National Land Transport Fund	18/11/2021	Certain information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(j) of the Act
6.	BRI-2557 Update on the National Land Transport Fund and National Land Transport Programme Investment Targets	2/09/2022	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
7.	MIN-3095 National Land Transport Programme – State Highway Maintenance	08/07/2019	Released in full
8.	MIN-3412 Advice on how the Transport Agency could accelerate its PGF-funded state highway projects in Tairāwhiti	19/03/2020	Out of scope information removed
9.	MIN-3415 Update on enhanced maintenance package	7/08/2020	Released in full
10.	MIN-3574 Meeting with AA on road maintenance on 3 May 2021	30/04/2021	Out of scope information removed
11.	MIN-3693 Rural Road Maintenance and Heavy Vehicles	2/09/2021	Released in full
12.	MINO-261 Maintenance activity classes	12/07/2021	Released in full