

14 September 2023

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REF: OIA-13229

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

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

Re national ticketing system, we request release in full and in searchable format of:

- *All minutes of meetings of the NTS Governance Board (established late 2022 I think)*
- *The latest two substantive briefings about the project to that board*

[...] Have any of the PTAs told WK they cannot go ahead with NTS – at all? Or in the form it was agreed to (late 2022 I think)? Is any PTA asking for changes to make it more affordable? Or have such changes been made/underway?

I have numbered each part of your request for convenience and will answer each in turn.

- 1. Re national ticketing system, we request release in full and in searchable format of:**
 - **All minutes of meetings of the NTS Governance Board (established late 2022 I think)**
 - **The latest two substantive briefings about the project to that board**

The documents listed in the enclosed schedule fall within the scope of your request and are attached.

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

- Section 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 public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty.
- Section 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.
- Section 9(2)(ba)(i) to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information 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.

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

2. Have any of the PTAs told WK they cannot go ahead with NTS – at all? Or in the form it was agreed to (late 2022 I think)? Is any PTA asking for changes to make it more affordable? Or have such changes been made/underway?

No, on all counts.

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 withhold this information. 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 the Ministerial Services team, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



Yogesh Anand

NTS Executive Sponsor and Delivery Executive

OIA-13229 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Description
1.	22-12-02 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL APPROVED	2 December 2022	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) and section 9(2)(b)(ii).
2.	230127 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL Approved	27 January 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i), section 9(2)(b)(ii) and section 9(2)(ba)(i).
3.	ITEM 02 230224 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL Approved	24 February 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) and section 9(2)(ba)(i).
4.	ITEM 02 230324 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL approved at April Board	24 March 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) and section 9(2)(b)(ii).
5.	230428 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL	28 April 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i), section 9(2)(b)(ii) and section 9(2)(j).
6.	230526 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL	26 May 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) and section 9(2)(b)(ii).
7.	230623 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL approved	23 June 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) and section 9(2)(b)(ii).
8.	Executive Update NTS June	June 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) and section 9(2)(b)(ii).
9.	Executive Update NTS July	July 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) and section 9(2)(b)(ii).