

1 March 2024



REF: OIA-14490

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 17 January 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Could you please provide all correspondence, agreements and notes of meetings/conversations with Coastal Bulk Shipping and ASP Ships Group regarding the \$5m NZTA investment from the NLTP fund.

Can you please provide a summary of all payments made, with dates and amounts.

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

Certain information in documents 1 to 8 has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of the information to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

Certain information in documents 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information 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.

Certain information in document 7 has been withheld under section 9(2)(ba)(i) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information 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.

Finally, the funding agreement and emails surrounding the funding application are being withheld in full under section 9(2)(j) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information 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).

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.

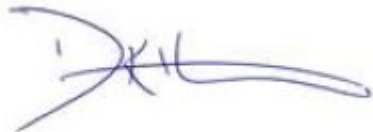
Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

As noted in our acknowledgement email of 19 January 2024, the information requested contains names of Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) staff. As we have not received a response as to whether the inclusion of names is required, we have deemed these to be out of scope of your request.

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

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DHume', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Deborah Hume
National Manager Multimodal Integration

OIA-14490 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Description
1.	Coastal Bulk Shipping NZTA Funding Declaration	6 April 2022	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
2.	Coastal Bulk Shipping NZTA Funding Letter of Authority	6 April 2022	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
3.	Coastal Bulk Shipping NZTA Funding No Pricing	6 April 2022	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
4.	Coastal Bulk Shipping NZTA Funding Pricing	6 April 2022	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
5.	Coastal Bulk Shipping NZTA Funding Submission-Non Pricing	6 April 2022	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
6.	Qrtly Report 1	25 October 2022	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
7.	Qrtly report 2	8 March 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a), 9(2)(ba)(i) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
8.	Qrtly report 3	20 July 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(b)(ii).
9.	CBS Coastal shipping funding agreement_signed	2022	Withheld In full under section 9(2)(j) of the Act.
10.	Emails about the funding application	June and July 2022	Withheld In full under section 9(2)(j) of the Act.