

13 March 2024

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REF: OIA-14731

Dear [REDACTED]

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 20 February 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. Who bought these new unbranded vests for Government Ministers?*
- 2. Will this person/s have the cost of these vests taken out of their own pocket/s now Mr Luxon has said it wasn't a directive from the Government?*

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is an operational requirement on all NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) active sites as per our *Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Contractor Health and Safety Expectations* policy, which can be accessed at:

[nzta.govt.nz/resources/contractor-health-and-safety-expectations/](https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/contractor-health-and-safety-expectations/).

We hold stock of PPE, including hi vis vests, at all project site offices to be lent out to visitors and staff who are not based on site.

Additional unbranded hi-vis vests were purchased by NZTA (costed to the Waikato/Bay of Plenty cost centre) and used for the State Highway 25A Taparahi Bridge opening on 15 December 2023. At the end of the event, these vests were returned and added to the site office stock for future use.

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 Ministerial Services, by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Kinvig', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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