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REF: OIA-14094

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 16 November 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding the National Ticketing Solution (NTS):

- *Copies of the NTS governance board minutes since the end of July 2023 till now*
- *As above, for NTS steering group minutes*
- *Copies of any additional documents of any kind since July 2023 relating to either the timeline or the budget for the project, including where that intersects with PTA timings eg AT's extension of its GTS contract*

I have numbered each part of your request and have answered each in turn below.

1. Copies of the NTS governance board minutes since the end of July 2023 till now

The documents numbered 1 to 3 in the appended schedule fall within the scope of this part of your request and are enclosed.

Document 1 - the minutes for the NTS Governance Board meeting on 28 July 2023, which we are refusing under section 18(d) of the Act as the information is publicly available here on our website: www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act/official-information-act-responses/#.

Document 2 - the minutes for the NTS Governance Board meeting on 25 August 2023, certain information is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act 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.

Information is also being withheld under section 9(2)(j) of the Act, to enable any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Document 3 – the minutes for the NTS Governance Board meeting on 29 September 2023, certain information is withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) and section 9(2)(j) of the Act. Information is also

withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act 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.

2. As above, for NTS steering group minutes

I am refusing this information under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist. There is no longer a NTS Steering Group as it was succeeded by the NTS Governance Board, and so there are no meeting minutes since the end of July 2023.

3. Copies of any additional documents of any kind since July 2023 relating to either the timeline or the budget for the project, including where that intersects with PTA timings eg AT's extension of its GTS contract

The documents numbered 4 to 17 in the appended schedule fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed. Please note that documents 12 to 15 contain information timelines and milestones.

Certain information has been withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act and some documents have also been withheld in full under this section.

Documents 9 to 17 have been withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) as these documents contain information about decisions and actions for the NZTA and the councils which are required to give effect to contractual arrangements.

Any requests for information relating to a Public Transport Authority's (PTA) contract with its current provider should be made directly to the relevant PTA as it is more closely connected with the functions of that organisation.

I confirm that the programme is still tracking to be within the approved budget. Further, we are still working towards a go-live within Environment Canterbury at the end of this year, with other PTAs to follow.

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 and refuse part of 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 NZTA, please contact the Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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

Yogesh Anand

Executive Sponsor, National Ticketing Solution

OIA-14094 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Description
1.	280723 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL approved at GB in August	28 July 2023	Refused under section 18(d) of the Act
2.	280823 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL approved at GB Sept Meeting	28 August 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(j) of the Act.
3.	290923 NTS Governance Board Minutes FINAL approved by GB in October	29 September 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii), section 9(2)(j) and section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act.
4.	NTS finance - Jun-23 Month End	28 July 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
5.	NTS finance - Jul-23 Month End	25 August 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
6.	NTS finance - Aug-23 Month End	29 September 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
7.	NTS finance - Sep-23 Month End	27 October 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
8.	NTS finance - Oct-23 Month End	November 2023	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
9.	GB Schedule July 2023	July 2023	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
10.	GB Schedule August 2023	August 2023	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
11.	GB Schedule September 2023	September 2023	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
12.	Governance Board July 2023	July 2023	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
13.	Governance Board August 2023	August 2023	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
14.	Governance Board August 2023 Update	August 2023	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
15.	Governance Board September 2023	September 2023	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
16.	NTS Dependency Register	Unknown	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.
17.	NTS Milestone Register	Unknown	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act.