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REF: OIA-10700/10787

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 4 August 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like to request all NZUP Monthly reports through to July 2022.

You also requested the following information under the Act on 17 August 2022 in response to OIA-10471:

I'd also like to request the NZ Upgrade Project Monthly Reports for June and July.

The attached document schedule outlines the documents in scope of your request.

Some information in these documents has been withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons
- 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protects the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 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 and officials
- 9(2)(i) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities
- 9(2)(j) – to enable a Minister of the Crown or any department 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.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has proactively published the monthly reports dated between August 2020 and March 2021 at:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/nz-upgrade/proactive-release-of-nz-upgrade-programme-documents>.

Therefore, I am refusing your request for these documents under section 18(d) of the Act, as the information requested is publicly available.

Waka Kotahi has not yet provided a monthly report for July 2022. I am refusing your request for this report under section 18(e) of the Act as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

The monthly reports for April 2021 to May 2022 have been released to you previously as part of the response you received to OIA-10144 and OIA-10471. Therefore, these documents are not enclosed in this response

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some information and partially refuse your 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 Waka Kotahi, please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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

Robyn Elston
National Manager System Design

OIA-10700/10787 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Reasons for withholding information
1.	NZUP Monthly Report	June 2022	Information is withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(g)(i), 9(2)(i), and 9(2)(j) grounds
2.	NZUP Monthly Report	April 2021	Released under OIA-10471
3.	NZUP Monthly Report	May 2021	Released under OIA-10471
4.	NZUP Monthly Report	July 2021	Released under OIA-10471
5.	NZUP Monthly Report	August 2021	Released under OIA-10471
6.	NZUP Monthly Report	September 2021	Released under OIA-10471
7.	NZUP Monthly Report	October 2021	Released under OIA-10471
8.	NZUP Monthly Report	November 2021	Released under OIA-10471
9.	NZUP Monthly Report	December 2021	Released under OIA-10144
10.	NZUP Monthly Report	January 2022	Released under OIA-10144
11.	NZUP Monthly Report	February 2022	Released under OIA-10144
12.	NZUP Monthly Report	March 2022	Released under OIA-10144
13.	NZUP Monthly Report	April 2022	Released under OIA-10144
14.	NZUP Monthly Report	May 2022	Released under OIA-10471
15.	NZUP Monthly Report	April 2021	Released under OIA-10471
16.	NZUP Monthly Report	August 2020	Refused under section 18(d) as is publicly available.
17.	NZUP Monthly Report	October 2020	Refused under section 18(d) as is publicly available.
18.	NZUP Monthly Report	November 2020	Refused under section 18(d) as is publicly available.
19.	NZUP Monthly Report	December 2020/January 2021	Refused under section 18(d) as is publicly available.
20.	NZUP Monthly Report	February 2021	Refused under section 18(d) as is publicly available.
21.	NZUP Monthly Report	March 2021	Refused under section 18(d) as is publicly available.