

20 July 2023

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REF: OIA-12896

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 14 June 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *the most recent internal progress update on the National Ticketing Solution.*

One document falls within the scope of your request and is enclosed:

- Attachment 1: Quarterly NTS Update (includes one Appendix)

The appendix to Attachment 1: Quarterly NTS Update is withheld in full under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act in order 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.

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

- section 9(2)(b)(ii) – in order 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. The greater public interest is in ensuring that the commercial position can be maintained and
- section 9(2)(g)(i) – in order 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.

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 Ministerial Services, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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

Yogesh Anand

NTS Executive Sponsor and Delivery Executive