

30 October 2023

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REF: OIA-13804

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 29 September 2023 to Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport requesting the information below under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). These parts of your request were transferred to Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency on 9 October 2023 as the information you are seeking more closely aligns with our functions. I will answer each of your questions in turn.

- 1. I would appreciate any insights or information regarding Vehicle Ownership Data(in those two periods, in Upper & Lower North Shore and Auckland City area.), Traffic Congestion Data(in those two periods, in Upper & Lower North Shore and Auckland City area.)*

On 10 October 2023, we advised you that we are unable to provide vehicle ownership data for the areas you specified, and that we only provide this data at a Territorial Authority Local Boards level. You clarified on 11 October 2023 that you are interested in Waitemata, Kaipātiki, and Upper Harbour Local Board areas.

Please refer to the attached document which contains data about vehicle ownership in the areas you requested. The data in the spreadsheet should be read in conjunction with the caveats on the first page of the spreadsheet.

You can also find vehicle ownership data on the Stats NZ website. The following webpage enables you to identify household car ownership by SA2 unit, which is slightly larger than a neighbourhood, but smaller than a suburb:

<https://nzdotstat.stats.govt.nz/wbos/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=TABLECODE8430>

A map of specific SA2 area units for the 2018 census can be found at:

<https://datafinder.stats.govt.nz/laver/92212-statistical-area-2-2018-generalised/>

Congestion data is provided to Waka Kotahi by the third-party vendor, TomTom. You are welcome to request this data using its free tier licensing. As this information is publicly available, I am refusing your request for this data under section 18(d) of the Act. Information regarding the provision of this data from the provider is available at: <https://www.tomtom.com/products/traffic-stats/>

2. initiatives in Public Transportation Promotion in 2020,2021, 2022,2023

Public transport promotional activities are usually undertaken at a Public Transport Authority (PTA) level. However, Waka Kotahi implemented the half price fares directive of the Government from March 2022. Please see find links to the research notes for the impact of this initiative on public transport below:

- <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/research/notes/009/>
- <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/research/notes/009a/>

An updated research note is due to be published on our website in November.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of 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



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