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REF: OIA-15450

Dear ██████████

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

Thank you for your email of 21 May 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide a data file (csv or xlsx) that describes the number of each car brand and car model that received the clean car discount for cars registered between 1st July 2021 and 31st March 2022.*

*According to the IRD, for cars registered between 1st April 2022 to 31st of December 2023 the rebate "was based on a vehicle's CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) emissions." I want you to provide a few things here.*

- *a data file (csv or xlsx) that describes the number of each car brand and car model that received the clean car discount between 1st April 2022 and 31st December 2023*
- *your methodology for determining if a car met this requirement (e.g less X tonnes of attributed CO<sub>2</sub>), and whether some cars received a larger subsidy if they had fewer CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with them*
- *your methodology for determining the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with a car.*
- *a data file (csv or xlsx) that describes the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with each car brand and car model.*

The following document contains data regarding vehicle brands and models, disability vehicle rates and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and is enclosed:

- Attachment 1 – Clean Car Discount - Rebate Data (*spreadsheet*).

Vehicle registration numbers are withheld in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

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.

With regard to your request for our methodology for determining CO<sup>2</sup> for clean car discount, the formula to normalise CO<sup>2</sup>/km to 3P-WLTP was provided by an approved source, recognised under legislation. The formula is outlined in the *Vehicle Efficiency and Emission Rule* – specifically under Normalisation Formulas 1, 2 and 3 – and is available on our website at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/rules/docs/vehicle-efficiency-and-emissions-data-2022.pdf](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/resources/rules/docs/vehicle-efficiency-and-emissions-data-2022.pdf).

For vehicles that did not have CO<sup>2</sup> per kilometre in 3P-WLTP provided from an approved source, the formula used to determine this is outlined in Schedule 2 of the *Vehicle Efficiency and Emission Rule*.

The methodology to determine if a vehicle was entitled to a rebate, changed during the Clean Car Discount Scheme, as the scheme was intended to be self-funding. This supports the data outlined in the “CCD Rebate Value Summary” tab in Attachment 1. It is also important to note that values in the tab include GST whereas the methodology outlined in the three tables below does not:

Rebates were set in bands of CO<sup>2</sup> per kilometre under 3P-WLTP. The bands outlined in Table 1 below were for the scheme between 1 April 2022 and 1 July 2023:

Table 1

Vehicle carbon emissions	Used vehicle	New vehicle
0 (zero emissions)	\$3,000	\$7,500
1 to 56	\$2,000	\$5,000
57 to 146	\$3,000 less ( <i>emissions</i> x \$20 x 130/145)	\$7,500 less ( <i>emissions</i> x \$50 x 130/145)

The following bands in Table 2 below were for the scheme between 1 July 2023 until the closure of the scheme on 31 December 2023:

Table 2

Vehicle carbon emissions	Used vehicle	New vehicle
0 (zero emissions)	\$3,050	\$6,100
1 to 100	\$1,725 less ( <i>emissions</i> x \$27.75 x 130/145)	\$4,025 less ( <i>emissions</i> x \$57.50 x 130/145)

In addition, 1 July 2023 saw the introduction of a special rebate for disability vehicles set by engine type and rebates, which is outlined in Table 3 below:

Table 3

Disability Vehicle Type	
Electric Vehicle	Hybrid Vehicle
\$10,000	\$5,000

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold part of this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

In line with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (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 us 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 'Tracy Moore', written over a horizontal line.

**Tracy Moore**  
Head of Customer Operations