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REF: OIA-16359

Dear ██████████

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 6 September 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I request under the OIA all briefings and other advice written on the revenue and spending assumptions in the NLTP 2024-27.

You refined your request on 9 and 26 September 2024 as follows:

Restrict it to the CE and Board please.

Can I please rescope this request to only documents sent after the new Government issued its draft GPS on land transport.

The attached document schedule outlines the documents in scope of your request and my decision on the release of each document. It is important to note that many of these papers were provided to the Board prior to the finalisation of the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS), and subsequent changes were made to the NLTP prior to its finalisation. Therefore, the information contained in some of these documents is not representative of the final NLTP.

I am withholding some information under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials. Further information has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act to protect the free and frank expression of opinion by officials.

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 NZTA policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), please contact Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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

Howard Cattermole
Chief Financial Officer

OIA-16359 Document Schedule

Ref	Document	Date	Decision on Release
1.	NLTP 2024-27 progress update – March 2024 Board paper and attachments.	20 March 2024	Out of scope information redacted. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
2.	NLTP 2024-27 development update – April 2024 Board paper and attachments.	17 April 2024	Out of scope information redacted.
3.	Emergency Works Investment Policy Review: Update & options for engagement – April 2024 Board paper and attachments.	17 April 2024	Released in full.
4.	NLTP indicative allocations for continuous programmes and interim funding from 1 July 2024 – May 2024 Board paper and attachments.	16 May 2024	Out of scope information redacted. Some information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act.
5.	NLTP 2024-27 development update – June 2024 Board paper and attachments.	19 June 2024	Out of scope information redacted.
6.	Draft NLTP 2024 – July 2024 Board paper and attachments.	26 July 2024	Out of scope information redacted. Some information is withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Act. The draft NLTP document has been withheld under section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act. The finalised NLTP document is available on the NZTA website at: https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/national-land-transport-programme/2024-27-nltp/
7.	NLTP 2024-27 adoption – August 2024 Board paper and attachments.	22 August 2024	Out of scope information redacted.