

6 November 2024

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REF: OIA-16587

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your emails of 2 October 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *State Highway 6 / Queen Street intersection in Nelson; reference number MINO-1074; date 6/06/2024*
- *EV bus funding and the PT Services; reference number MIN-4532; date 11/06/2024*
- *Meeting with Mayor Nick Smith, 22 July 2024; reference number MIN-4565; date 18/07/2024*
- *Transport initiatives in Nelson; reference number MINO-1121; date 4/07/2024*

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- MINO-1074 State Highway 6 / Queen Street intersection in Nelson
- MIN-4532 - EV Bus funding and PT Services
- MIN-4565 Meeting with Mayor Nick Smith, 22 July 2024
- MINO-1121 Transport initiatives in Nelson

Certain information has been withheld in MIN-4565 under the following sections of the Act:

- Section 9(2)(g)(i) - allows for the withholding of information 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.
- Section 9(2)(f)(iv) – to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and 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 the Ministerial Services team, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Smith', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jackie Smith
Manager, Ministerial Services