

25 November 2024

s9(2)(f)(iv)

REF: OIA-16946

Dear s9(2)(f)(iv)

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

Thank you for your email of 14 November 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). I will respond to each part of your request in turn as follows:

*Hi there I would like to know if there is any recent change regarding the employee to be directed to use Uber for their travel needs ?*

There have been no recent changes regarding NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) employees' use of Uber.

*Also did the NZTA have made a account system in which it pays to uber on monthly basis?*

No, NZTA does not have an account with Uber for monthly payments.

*Does the employee still have the discretion to use either Taxi or rideshare while they travel for work?*

We encourage our staff to display sustainable travel behaviours by choosing low emission travel options such as public transport, and to use our NZTA vehicles in the first instance. Where travel by taxi or app-based passenger services is necessary, we require our staff to use legally compliant passenger services.

*What was the cost for these expenses in the last financial year ?*

The total cost of taxi and other passenger transport, which includes public transport and airport parking, for NZTA staff during the last financial year (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024) was \$641,759.00.

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 NZTA, please contact us by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jake Rance', with a stylized, cursive script.

**Jake Rance**

Head of Corporate Capability and Support