

02 December 2022

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I refer to your email dated 01 November 2022, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“[A]ny and all reports provided to the Minister in respect of the \$61 million allocated in Budget 2022 for a sustainable, skilled workforce of bus drivers.”

15 documents fall within the scope of your request. The documents are listed in the document schedule attached as Annex 1. Annex 1 outlines how the documents you requested have been treated under the Act.

Certain information is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

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| 9(2)(a)     | to protect the privacy of natural persons   |
| 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. |

Regarding the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding the information at this time are not outweighed by public interest considerations that would make it desirable to make the information available.

I am refusing your request under the following section of the Act regarding documents 7, 8, 12–15 as outlined in Annex 1 at the end of this document:

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| 18(d) | the information requested is or will soon be publicly available. |
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You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman’s website [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen White', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Helen White  
**Manager, Safety and Mobility**

## Annex 1 - Document Schedule

	Document	Description of information withheld
1	Briefing - OCC220763 Updated Draft Cabinet Paper – Progress on Establishing a Bus Industry Standard Agreement for Bus Drivers	Released in full. Officials' phone numbers withheld under s9(2)(a) to protect privacy
2	Draft Cabinet Paper – OC220763 - Annex 1 - Progress on Establishing a Bus Industry Standard Agreement for Urban Bus Drivers	Some material withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
3	Briefing - OCC220654 Further Advice on Progressing the Bus Industry Standard Agreement	Released in full. Officials' phone numbers withheld under s9(2)(a) to protect privacy
4	Briefing - OC220623 Options for Progressing the Bus Industry Standard Agreement	Released in full. Officials' phone numbers withheld under s9(2)(a) to protect privacy
5	Briefing - OC220550 Draft Cabinet Paper – Progress on Establishing a Bus Industry Standard Agreement for Urban Bus Drivers	Some material withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
6	Draft Cabinet Paper - OC220550 Annex 1 –Progress on Establishing a Bus Industry Standard Agreement for Urban Bus Drivers	Some material withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
7	Cabinet Paper – Progress on Establishing a Bus Industry Standard Agreement for Public Transport Bus Drivers	Refused under s18(d) Note: this document has been proactively released <a href="https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Progress-on-establishing-a-bus-industry-standard-agreement-for-public-transport-bus-drivers-1_Redacted.pdf?vid=4">https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Progress-on-establishing-a-bus-industry-standard-agreement-for-public-transport-bus-drivers-1_Redacted.pdf?vid=4</a>
8	Cabinet Minute – Establishing a Bus Industry Standard for Public Transport Bus Drivers: Report on Progress	Refused under s18(d) Note: this document has been proactively released <a href="https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/DEV-22-MIN-0232-Minute_Redacted.pdf">https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/DEV-22-MIN-0232-Minute_Redacted.pdf</a>
9	Master CERF Info Table	Released relevant excerpts. Some material withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)

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10	Talking points - Budget 2022 Transport – follow up with the Minister of Finance	Relevant excerpts released
11	Budget 22 – Responses to MO	Relevant excerpts released. Some material withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
12	Budget 2022 Vote Transport – Initiatives for Submission	Refused under s18(d) Note: this document has been proactively released <a href="https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Budget-2022-Information-Release.pdf">https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Budget-2022-Information-Release.pdf</a>
13	Budget 2022 Vote Transport – Initiatives for Submission – Annex 1 to Briefing	Refused under s18(d) Note: this document has already been proactively released. <a href="https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Budget-2022-Information-Release.pdf">https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Budget-2022-Information-Release.pdf</a>
14	Strategic Overview of Transport's Climate Emergency Response Fund (CERF) Initiatives	Refused under s18(d) Note: this document has been proactively released <a href="https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Budget-2022-Information-Release.pdf">https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Budget-2022-Information-Release.pdf</a>
15	Suggested Talking Points and Advice on Specific Budget 2022 Initiatives	Refused under s18(d) Note: this document has been proactively released <a href="https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Budget-2022-Information-Release.pdf">https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Budget-2022-Information-Release.pdf</a>