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Tēnā koe 

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

*“All advice that the Minister of Transport, his Ministerial office, or the Ministry of Transport has received from other government agencies on the draft 2024 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport. For clarity, this request includes all briefing papers, aide memoirs, emails, notes or records of meetings, and other correspondence. This request includes public service departments (such as Treasury and the Ministry for the Environment), Crown agents (such as NZTA), state-owned entities (such as Kiwirail), and independent or autonomous crown entities (such as the Climate Commission, Infrastructure Commission, etc)”.*

All documentation around the Government Policy Statement 2024 (GPS 2024) is under active consideration until the final GPS 2024 is published. I am therefore withholding the information you are seeking under Section 9(2)(f)(iv) of Act:

to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials.

With regard to 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.

Shortly after the final GPS 2024 is published, the Ministry will proactively release advice and other relevant information on our website ([www.transport.govt.nz](http://www.transport.govt.nz)).

The press releases on the GPS are available from the Beehive website (<https://www.beehive.govt.nz/portfolio/nationalactnew-zealand-first-coalition-government-2023-2026/transport>).

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



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