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7 November 2024

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

I refer to your email dated 29 October 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“All written communications between Drive Electric and the Ministry of Transport since 1 January 2024, with respect to the Clean Car Discount and/or the Clean Car Standard*

*Any emails from Drive Electric to the Ministry of Transport with regard to the changes to the Clean Car Standard”.*

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

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

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

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.

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



Nick Paterson  
**Manager Environment**

**Annex 1.**

#	Type of Document	Title	Date	Treatment under the Act
1	Email	Re: CCS review and RUCs	19 January 2024	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a)
2	Email	Re: CCS review- request	11 July 2024	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a)

**From:** [Nick Paterson](#)  
**To:** [James Walker](#)  
**Cc:** [Kirsten Corson](#); [Sigurd Magnusson](#); [Matthew Skinner](#); [Gavelene Wright](#)  
**Subject:** RE: CCS review and RUCs  
**Date:** Friday, 19 January 2024 12:21:00 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi James,

Happy New Year to you too.

With respect to the CCS review, we are currently putting together a project timeline for the Minister to review. However, I can advise that if there are any proposed changes to the targets through legislation, at a minimum there will be public consultation at the select committee stage.

With respect to your questions about RUC being charged on EVs, I have forwarded these to Matt Skinner who manages the Revenue team.

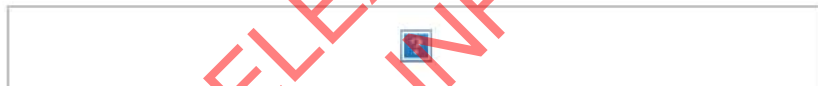
On your question "are you doing any modelling on projected uptake of EVs, given the various changes to policy settings?", the Ministry periodically models and publishes information on vehicle uptake, and we expect that information will be reflected in the next model when it is published.

Cheers

Nick

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**From:** James Walker <[james@driveelectric.org.nz](mailto:james@driveelectric.org.nz)>  
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**Cc:** Kirsten Corson <[kirsten@driveelectric.org.nz](mailto:kirsten@driveelectric.org.nz)>  
**Subject:** CCS review and RUCs

Hi Nick and Sigurd

Happy new year. Hope you both managed a nice break?

We've seen the news regarding the CCS review. Will this involve a public consultation and is there a timeline around this?

Additionally, we've got concerns about the RUC announcement, both the timing of

implementation but also the relative cost of the RUC on EVs (as is being reported in the media).  
A couple of questions:

- We were wondering if you were going to proactively release advice to the Minister around this?
- What is the mechanism by which RUCs can be reviewed and how often does this occur?

Finally, are you doing any modelling on projected uptake of EVs, given the various changes to policy settings?

Many thanks for your help.

Cheers  
James

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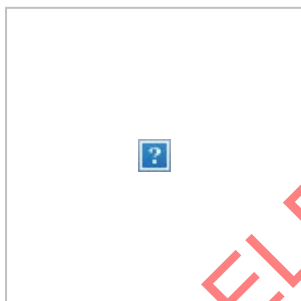
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**From:** [James Walker](#)  
**To:** [Nick Paterson](#)  
**Cc:** [Kirsten Corson](#)  
**Subject:** Re: CCS review - request  
**Date:** Thursday, 11 July 2024 4:48:34 pm  
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Thanks Nick

On Thu, Jul 11, 2024 at 4:19 PM Nick Paterson <[N.Paterson@transport.govt.nz](mailto:N.Paterson@transport.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi James,

The Minister has instructed the Ministry to proactively release the briefing provided to the Minister following the review of the Clean Car Standard. The Minister also instructed us to release the Cabinet paper, RIS, and CIPA. These documents are available [here](#).

In the Cabinet paper you will see the policy recommendations to Cabinet (which I can confirm is now government policy).

With respect to your question on changes to credits and penalties, these require changes to primary legislation. As such there would be an opportunity for public consultation at the select committee stage.

Cheers

Nick

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**From:** James Walker <[james@driveelectric.org.nz](mailto:james@driveelectric.org.nz)>  
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**Subject:** CCS review - request

Hi Nick

Following today's announcement, are we able to receive a copy of the Clean Vehicle Standard review?

Additionally, is there any information available about the credits and penalties? Will these be consulted on broadly?

Cheers

James

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