

Hon Julie Anne Genter

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Tēnā koe e Samuel

I refer to your request dated 18 February 2020, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), seeking the following information:

I am writing to request copies of all official briefings, memos, or advice provided and received by MoT regarding the provision of a "Green Transport Card" or similar proposals aimed at "reducing the cost of public transport, prioritising people in low income households and people on a benefit".

For context, this policy goal is outlined in 2(a) of the Confidence and Supply Agreement between NZ Labour and the Green Party.

The following documents fall within the scope of your request:

Document	Name of document	Date
1	Memo: Funding and implementing a Green Card by 2020	3 October 2018
2	Aide Memoire: Green Transport Card revised scope options <i>Attachment: Green Transport Card Scope A3 Shaw</i>	26 October 2018
3	Aide Memoire: Notes for Hon Shaw meeting Hon Sepuloni (Minister of Social Development) and Hon Martin (Seniors Minister)	2 November 2018
4	Aide Memoire: Green Transport Card Outcomes and Implementation Considerations	7 November 2018
5	Aide Memoire: Update on Green Transport Card Budget Initiative <i>Attachment: Green Transport Card Budget Initiative</i>	28 November 2018
6	Aide Memoire: Green Transport Card Revised Budget Initiative <i>Attachment: Green Transport Card revised Budget Initiative</i>	10 December 2018
7	Briefing: Green Transport Card Project Plan	12 December 2018

8	Briefing: Update on Green Transport Card Engagement Process	5 February 2019
9	Briefing: Green Transport Card Investigation Findings <i>Attachments: 2 A3s</i>	4 July 2019
10	Briefing: Green Transport Card Investigation Findings Cabinet Paper <i>Attachment: draft Cabinet Paper</i>	19 July 2019
11	Briefing: Green Transport Card Scheme Cabinet Paper and Phasing Options <i>Attachments: draft Cabinet paper for cross-party consultation, Regulatory Impact Statement – Green Transport Card Scheme</i>	7 August 2019

The documents have redactions made under the Act provisions:

- Section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of a natural person.
- Section 9(2)(j) – enable, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations.

Please note that the Cabinet Paper “Green Transport Card Investigation” has been proactively released and is available on the Ministry of Transport’s website at: <https://tinyurl.com/stdf6pa>.

In regard to the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am of the opinion that there are no countervailing considerations that make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Act to make a complaint about the withholding of information to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

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The Ombudsman
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Nāku noa, nā



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