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Dear Andy

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

Thank you for your email of 9 December 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like a list of all the current government MPs who've claimed the Clean Car Discount, which make and model of cars were they claimed against and also the total number of claims made if more than one.*

Your request was subsequently clarified to include only National Party MPs who have received a rebate under the Clean Car Discount.

For context, the details of individuals who have received a rebate under the Clean Car Discount are recorded in the Motor Vehicle Register (MVR). However, the MVR does not record a person's occupation (i.e. whether someone is an MP). NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) has therefore had to rely on publicly available information (full name and date of birth) to assist in identifying whether any National Party MPs have received a rebate.

A search of the MVR has identified three individuals who have received a rebate under the Clean Car Discount, whose full names match that of current National Party MPs. Each of these individuals received a single rebate under the CCD scheme. Please note that this information should be considered alongside the caveats appended to the bottom of this response.

I am withholding the names of these individuals, along with the makes and models of the vehicles under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of natural persons.

While I acknowledge it is in the public interest to show whether National Party MPs benefited from the scheme which the Government has discontinued, I do not believe this outweighs the individuals' right to privacy.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZTA, please contact Ministerial Services by email to [official.correspondencx@xxx.xxx.xx](mailto:official.correspondencx@xxx.xxx.xx).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Moore', written over a horizontal line.

**Tracy Moore**  
Head of Customer Operations

## **Caveats**

- The information provided may vary due to transactions being processed, system reporting delays and data entry anomalies.
- Data has been extracted from the NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi Motor Vehicle Register (MVR) - Qlik apps.
- Data includes the expanded Clean Car Discount scheme and Clean Car Immediate rebate scheme.
- Data can only be reported on vehicles that have ever been entered in the Motor Vehicle Register (MVR). Imports for private use would not be recorded.
- Registered - in relation to a vehicle, means registered under Part 17 of the Land Transport Act 1998, and consequently a vehicle will have plates issued to it.
- Data is limited to vehicles that are one of the following vehicle types:
  - Passenger Car/Van
  - Goods Van/Truck/Utility
  - Bus
  - Motor Caravan.
- Data is limited to vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass (GVM) of 3,500kg or less.
- Results are limited to vehicles that have one of the following classifications:
  - A Rebate application has been approved and paid to the customer during the period 1 July 2021 - 16 January 2024.
  - Based on name and age (based on publicly available information) only, the refund owner matches that of a current National MP as at 16 January 2024.