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Tēnā koe W. McLaughlin,

I refer to your email to the Office of Hon Simeon Brown on 13 December 2023, which was transferred to the Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) on 15 December 2023 under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), requesting the following under the Act:

*“Please provide the draft Regulatory Impact Statement prepared by Transport officials in 2023 on repealing the previous Governments Clean Car discount Scheme.*

*In your letter response, please explain how repealing the scheme would not have any impact on emissions; “Simeon Brown said repealing the scheme would not have an impact on New Zealand’s emissions because transport is in the Emissions Trading Scheme”.*

With respect to the first part of your request *“Please provide the draft Regulatory Impact Statement prepared by Transport officials in 2023 on repealing the previous Governments Clean Car discount Scheme”*, we provided a response via email on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 refusing that part of the request under section 18(d) of the Act, as that information has been proactively released.

With respect to the remaining part of your request, that part of the request is refused under section 18(g) of the Act as no such information is held by the Ministry of Transport and we have no grounds to believe that the information is held by, or more closely connected to the functions, of another department or interdepartmental venture or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

Accordingly, your entire request is refused in full under sections 18(d) and 18(g) of the Act. You may be interested to in:

- Hansard records relating to the Minister of Transport's comments on the Emissions Trading Scheme, which can be found at:
  - [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/hansard-debates/rhr/document/HansS\\_20231212\\_134820000/5-question-no-5-transport](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/hansard-debates/rhr/document/HansS_20231212_134820000/5-question-no-5-transport)
  - [https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/hansard-debates/rhr/document/HansS\\_20231219\\_053025000/9-question-no-9-transport](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/hansard-debates/rhr/document/HansS_20231219_053025000/9-question-no-9-transport)

- Documents proactively released by the Ministry of Transport with respect to the repeal of the Clean Car Discount scheme, which can be found here: <https://www.transport.govt.nz/about-us/what-we-do/proactive-releases/SearchForm>

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)

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Nāku noa, nā



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