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Tēnā koe Michal,

I refer to your email on 5 February 2024 to the NZ Transport Agency requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your request for the information was transferred to the Ministry of Transport:

*"I would like to request what data points and what data sources were used to arrive at that threshold (i.e. 70%). What was statistical significance of the data used?"*

*Also, a secondary request. In NZTA models what percentage of the plug-in hybrid vehicle drivers is expected to be double taxed as a result of the new scheme?."*

The Ministry of Transport has made available information, including background documents, on the road user charges (RUC) rate for plug-in hybrids (PHEVs) at [www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/revenue/road-user-charges-system/](http://www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/revenue/road-user-charges-system/). The papers provide the data and underlying assumptions which informed the setting of the RUC rate for PHEVs.

As the information publicly accessible, section 18(d) of the Act applies which provides a request may be refused where "the information requested is or will soon be publicly 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



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