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Ref: DOIA 2324-1742

Tim Frank

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Tēnā koe Tim Frank

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

In 2018 Ministers announced funding for KiwiRail passenger train service upgrades under the Provincial Growth Fund. A Better Business Case outlined the investment envisaged. Under the Official Information Act I request information on whether this funding has been used and how it has been applied. In particular, any information on whether the agreed investment has been made would be helpful.

This letter is to advise you that your request has been transferred to Kiwirail. This is because your request is more closely aligned with the functions of Kiwirail. Section 14(b)(ii) of the Act allows me to transfer any request that is believed to be more closely aligned with the functions of another department, organisation or Minister of the Crown.

The request relates to the funding for KiwiRail Holding Limited's 'Tourism Upgrades' project. MBIE believes that the request is best placed with Kiwirail as the contract for this project is between The Treasury and KiwiRail and is not managed by Kānoa – Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit. Therefore, the request is best placed for the delivery agency (Kiwirail) to answer.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact OIA@mbie.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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