

OC241123

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Tēnā koe Andy,

I refer to your email dated 24 September 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“Could you please provide any information regarding the pre election promise made by the National Party here?”

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I would like to see any information provided to or requested by the Minister of Transport on this issue and evidence of any work requested relating to this matter.”

Where you have asked for “any information provided to or requested by the Minister of Transport on this issue,” we have interpreted your request to be:

“All advice provided to or requested by the Minister of Transport from the Ministry of Transport regarding the Government’s commitment to 10,000 public EV charge points by 2030.”

With respect to this part of your request, we have identified 54 documents that fall in scope and these are listed in the document schedule attached as Annex One. The schedule outlines how the documents have been treated under the Act.

Certain information is withheld or refused under the following sections of the Act:

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| 9(2)(a) | to protect the privacy of natural persons |
| 9(2)(b)(ii) | to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is subject of the information |
| 9(2)(ba)(i) | to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment, where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same |

- source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials
- 18(d) that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.

With regard to the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding the information at this time are not outweighed by public interest considerations that would make it desirable to make the information available.

Where you have asked for “evidence of any work requested relating to this matter,” we emailed you on 30 September 2024 to clarify the information you sought but did not receive a response. We have therefore interpreted this part of your request as:

“Evidence of all work relating to the Government’s commitment to 10,000 public EV charge points by 2030.”

From an initial scoping exercise, we identified more than 1,900 documents and emails that may be captured by this part of your request. Allocating a staff member to undertake research and collation for this number of documents would have an adverse impact on my team’s ability to carry out its other functions. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under the following section of the Act:

- 18(f) that the information cannot be made available without substantial collation or research

The documents identified in response to the first part of your request (detailed in Annex One) cover the key advice developed by the Ministry of Transport on the Government’s commitment to 10,000 public EV charge points by 2030. If there are other specific document types or information you are interested in, we are happy to work with you to scope another request.

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.

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



Nick Paterson
Manager Environment

Annex One: Document schedule

#	Document type	Date	Title	Treatment under the Act
Briefings and Cabinet papers				
1*	Briefing	14 February 2024	OC230964 Initial Briefing on Electric vehicle charging network and infrastructure	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
2*	Briefing	1 May 2024	OC240440 Objectives and options for the government co-investment model for EV charging infrastructure	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
3	Briefing	30 May 2024	OC240507 Roundtable meeting with electric vehicle charging providers	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv). Some information out of scope.
4*	Briefing	4 June 2024	OC240520 Options for EV charging co-investment model	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
5*	Briefing	3 July 2024	OC240627 Recommendations on co-investment model for electric vehicle charging infrastructure	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
6	Briefing	14 August 2024	OC240788 Draft Cabinet paper: Update on Supercharging EV Infrastructure	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
7	Cabinet paper	26 September 2024	OC240788 Update on Supercharging EV Infrastructure and approach to government co-investment	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
Weekly Report items				
8	Weekly report	Week ending 19 January 2024	Refer to section: "Upcoming briefings"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
9	Weekly report	Week ending 26 January 2024	Refer to section: "Upcoming briefings"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
10*	Weekly report	Week ending 2 February 2024	Refer to section: "Upcoming briefings"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
11*	Weekly report	Week ending 9 February 2024	Refer to section: "Upcoming briefings"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .

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12*	Weekly report	Week ending 16 February 2024	Refer to section: "Key updates"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
13*	Weekly report	Week ending 1 March 2024	Refer to section: "Cabinet papers led by other agencies"	Released in full. Note, the Cabinet paper referred to has been proactively released and is available here .
14*	Weekly report	Week commencing 25 March 2024	Refer to section: "Cabinet papers led by other agencies"	Released in full.
15*	Weekly report	Week commencing 2 April 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
16	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 10 April 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
17*	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 17 April 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
18*	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 24 April 2024	Refer to sections: "Actions from Transport Officials' meeting" and "Key updates"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
19*	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 8 May 2024	Refer to sections: "Actions from Transport Officials' meeting" and "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
20*	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 15 May 2024	Refer to sections: "Actions from Transport Officials Meeting" and "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
21	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 22 May 2024	Refer to sections: "Actions from Transport Officials Meeting" and "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
22*	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 29 May 2024	Refer to sections: "Actions from Transport Officials Meeting" and "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
23	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 5 June 2024	Refer to sections: "Actions from Transport Officials Meeting" and "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
24	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 12 June 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .

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25	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 19 June 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
26	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 26 June 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
27	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 3 July 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
28	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 10 July 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
29	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 17 July 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
30	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 24 July 2024	Refer to sections: "Actions from Transport Officials Meeting" and "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested is publicly available on the Ministry's website here .
31	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 31 July 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested will soon be made publicly available on the Ministry's website .
32	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 7 August 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested will soon be made publicly available on the Ministry's website .
33	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 14 August 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested will soon be made publicly available on the Ministry's website .
34	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 21 August 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested will soon be made publicly available on the Ministry's website .
35	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 28 August 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested will soon be made publicly available on the Ministry's website .
36	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 4 September 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested will soon be made publicly

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				available on the Ministry's website .
37	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 11 September 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested will soon be made publicly available on the Ministry's website .
38	Weekly report	As at Wednesday 18 September 2024	Refer to section: "Ministerial Priorities: Emissions"	Refused under section 18(d) as the information requested will soon be made publicly available on the Ministry's website .
Emails				
39	Email	15 January 2024	ATTN DOM Briefing to the Minister on EV charging	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
40	Email	26 February 2024	RE: Joint MBIE/MoT Cabinet paper on EV charging, working with EECA	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
41	Email	27 February 2024	RE: Commissioning emails for EV charging Cab paper	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
42*	Email	19 March 2024	RE: ATTN DOM: EV charging CBA approach	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a). Some information out of scope.
43*	Email	22 March 2024	Supercharging EV infrastructure Cab paper	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
44*	Email	25 March 2024	FW: Joint MBIE/ MoT cabinet paper on EV charging – update from office	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
45	Email	24 April 2024	Additional info re SuperCharging EV work programme	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
46	Email	5 July 2024	RE: Briefing – EECA's 2024 EV charging funding activity	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv).
47	Email	26 July 2024	RE: Briefing – recommendations on EV charging co-investment model	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv). Some information out of scope.
48	Email	8 August 2024	Updated talking points – EV charging roundtable	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
48.1	Talking points (attached to previous email)	13 August 2024	Updated talking points – EV charging roundtable 13 August 2024	Some information withheld under sections 9(2)(f)(iv), 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(ba)(i).
49	Email	14 August 2024	ATTN DOM: OC240788 Update on Supercharging	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).

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			EV Infrastructure work programme and govt co-investment	
50	Email	28 August 2024	RE: ATTN DOM: OC240788 Updated EV charging Cabinet paper	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
51	Email	11 September 2024	RE: Attn Dom: Updated EV charging figures	Some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
52	Email	12 September 2024	RE: EV charging Cabinet paper	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
53	Email	18 September 2024	RE: Timeline for second EV charging Cabinet paper	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).
Other documents				
54	Word document	10 June 2024	Co-investment options A3 for discussion with Minister.docx	Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv).

*Note – documents marked with an asterisk were in scope of the response to your previous request to the Minister of Transport dated 23 July 2024 (OIA24-305 refers).