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Dear Dan

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 3 December 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

In the recent RNZ article discussing how the amount of public transport subsidised by Waka Kotahi has changed, the following fact is attributed to Minister Brown:

"In 2017, public transport users contributed 40 percent of the operating costs, but by 2023 this had dropped to 10 percent."

In 2023, half price fares for under-25s was still in effect. As of 2024, this is no longer in effect. Can Waka Kotahi confirm if the figure is still 10% even after the removal of half price fares? If not, what is the new figure?

This information is publicly available in the *Increasing the private share of public transport operating expenditure* discussion document, and specifically Section 4.2.1 *Private share national trend*. You can access it here: [Increasing the private share of public transport operating expenditure – PTA discussion document – November 2024](#)

Regarding the difference between the 10 percent number quoted by the Minister (from the [2024 Government Policy Statement](#)) and the 11.6 percent number calculated in the discussion document - the variance is due to minor differences in how national costs are aggregated and subsequent adjustments to how private share is calculated.

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), please contact Ministerial Services by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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