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Dear Mr. Randle

Request for information 2015/067

I refer to your request for information dated 27 July 2015, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council on 27 July 2015. You have requested the following information:

“Can you please provide me with a copy of any reports by the GWRC on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable?”

Can you please provide me with a copy of any cost estimates by the GWRC on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable?

Can you please provide me with a copy of any correspondence between the GWRC and Kiwirail on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable?

Can you please provide me with a copy of any correspondence between the GWRC and the NZTA on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable?”

On 28 July 2015 you clarified your request as follows:

“Firstly, for the sake of clarity when I have asked for information on "proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable", this includes information related to the inability of the Johnsonville Line Matangi trains being unable to meet the current timetable (e.g. this request includes asking any reports held by GWRC on the inability of the Matangi trains being unable to meet the current Johnsonville Line timetable).

Secondly, I also ask for the GWRC to please provide me with a copy of any correspondence between the GWRC and the Matangi train manufacturer on the inability of the Matangi trains being unable to meet the current Johnsonville Line timetable and on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable?”

On 21 August 2015 Greater Wellington Regional Council advised you that it would be extending the time frame for responding to your request to 31 August 2015.



Greater Wellington Regional Council's response follows:

1. Reports by Greater Wellington Regional Council on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable

One report on the proposed changes has been produced:

- Report by the Greater Wellington Regional Council on the "15 minute peak trial on Johnsonville Line" carried out on 20 September 2014.

This document is attached.

2. Cost estimates by the Greater Wellington Regional Council on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable

Greater Wellington Regional Council has not created any cost estimates.

Information relating to cost estimates that we hold (but have not been created by us) has been withheld under sections 7(2)(b)(ii) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Official Information Act 1987 (the Act) on the ground that releasing the cost estimates would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. In addition, as Greater Wellington Regional Council and KiwiRail are still in negotiations, releasing the cost estimates would prejudice, or disadvantage, these negotiations.

3. Correspondence between Greater Wellington Regional Council and KiwiRail on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable

Correspondence between Greater Wellington Regional Council and KiwiRail on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable is attached.

4. Correspondence between the Greater Wellington Regional Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable

There has not been any correspondence between Greater Wellington Regional Council and the New Zealand Transport Agency on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable. This part of your request has therefore been refused in accordance with section 17(e) of the Act on the ground that the requested information does not exist or cannot be found.

5. Reports held on the inability of the Matangi trains to meet the current Johnsonville Line timetable

Attached is a copy of report that we have identified as holding which relates to the performance of the Matangi trains on the Johnsonville Line.

6. Correspondence between Greater Wellington Regional Council and the Matangi train manufacturer on the inability of the Matangi trains being unable to meet the current Johnsonville Line timetable and on the proposed changes to the Johnsonville Line timetable

Attached is a copy of all correspondence and reports which we have located that relate to the journey time and timetable performance of the Matangi trains on the Johnsonville Line.

A list of all attached documents is enclosed for your ease of reference.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs Greater Wellington Regional Council's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested information. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs Greater Wellington Regional Council's reason for withholding parts of the document under the grounds identified above.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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