

21 August 2015

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Dear Tony

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 31 July 2015 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 'a copy of any and all funding requests from GWRC or KiwiRail associated with the Rail RS1 package
- a copy of any and all business cases (including any reports justifying investment in rail projects) associated with the Rail RS1 package
- a copy of any and all NZTA reports associated with the costs, benefits and/or funding of Rail RS1 package as outlined
- a copy of any and all NZTA Board presentations, reports, and/or minutes associated with the costs, benefits and/or funding of Rail RS1 package'.

At this point in time the NZ Transport Agency has not received any funding requests or business cases from the Greater Wellington Regional Council or KiwiRail associated with the Wellington Regional Rail Scenario 1 (RS1) package. The Transport Agency has not produced any reports or Board presentations, reports, and or minutes associated with the costs, benefits and/or funding of the RS1 package. Therefore your request is being declined under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist. As these activities have indicative implementation timeframes of 2018 to 2019, it is likely that business cases will be developed closer to that time.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to decline your request. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10152
Wellington

Your request references the upgrade of Upper Hutt Station in 2014 and 2015 as one of the projects to deliver the Wellington Regional Rail Scenario 1 package.

The Transport Agency has invested in the Upper Hutt Station as a "like for like replacement" allowed for under the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) for 2012-15. This provides a practical management mechanism for the funding of activities considered integral to the public transport network and which form part of the broader programme of existing services for public transport.

Information on the framework for funding public transport programmes by the NLTP is available from the Planning and Investment Knowledge Base www.pikb.co.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Wayne Heerdegen, Principal Investment Advisor by email to wayne.heerdegen@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 6295.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Brodnax', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Brodnax

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For Chief Executive