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Mr Andrew Riddell
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Dear Mr Riddell

Official Information Act request

I refer to your request dated 17 August 2015 to the Treasury, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982. You outlined your request as follows:

"This request arises from the answer to my Official Information Request on Treasury's cost benefit on rail that was answered on 11 August 2015.

Please provide a copy of Treasury Report T2014/1805. This is a December 2014 Treasury report on Kiwirail. The answer to my previous request included a schedule of all documents used in the creation of the cost benefit assessment. Of those listed please provide copies of the following:

- *Option values Kiwirail Public Policy Case, DRAFT Ministry of Transport Assessment paper on the option value of New Zealand's rail network, 27 November 2014*
- *Rail Impacts version 6.2, NZTA Rail freight public value project (RAH 2045).*

Estimation of the State highway impacts arising from mode shift of rail freight, December 2014 - Kiwirail CBA calculations, Treasury spreadsheet analysis determining costs and benefit from shifting rail transport onto road, no specific date

- *Project Brief: 2014 Review of Kiwirail, 9 June 2014*
- *History and Future of Rail in NZ, Research report prepared by NZIER on the history and future of rail in NZ, June 2009."*

On 2 September 2015, the Treasury notified you that the following part of your request was to be transferred to the Chief Executive of the Ministry of Transport:

- *Option values Kiwirail Public Policy Case, DRAFT Ministry of Transport Assessment paper on the option value of New Zealand's rail network, 27 November 2014*

As per the transferred part of your request, we release the following:

Documents within scope of the request				
Document No.	Date	Document Type	Title	Released/withheld
1	25 November 2014	Working paper	The Option Value of New Zealand's Railway Lines	Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) – relating to unreasonable prejudice to the commercial position of a person Certain information withheld under section 9(2)(i) – relates to enabling commercial activities to be carried out without prejudice or disadvantage

Please note that this paper was an internal Ministry of Transport document and does not represent Government policy. Notwithstanding the text of paragraph 9, the paper was not submitted to ministers.

With respect to the information withheld, I do not consider there are any other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint about the withholding of information to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is:

The Ombudsman
Office of the Ombudsman
P O Box 10-152
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Yours sincerely



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