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Dear D Maclure

Thank you for your Official Information Act request, received on 19 May 2017. You requested:

"Request for OIA for locomotives replacement fleet advice done by Kiwirail Ltd from WorleyParsons, external peer review by engineering consultants and Treasury advice to cabinet."

This request was partially transferred to the Treasury, specifically the request for Treasury advice to Cabinet.

The Treasury provided no advice to Cabinet on decisions made by KiwiRail specifically in relation to its locomotive fleet and the decommissioning of its electric locomotives. Consequently I must decline your request under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act – that the information requested is not held by the department and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department; or connected more closely with the functions of another department.

However, the Treasury did provide advice to Ministers on KiwiRail's recent decision to decommission its electric locomotive fleet. This material will be made publicly available on the Treasury's website on or around 20 June 2017:

http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/oiaresponses

In addition, the Treasury prepared a number of reports to Ministers and to Cabinet in relation to the Budget 2017 funding for KiwiRail. This material included reference to KiwiRail's replacement of its locomotive fleet. These documents will also be available on the Treasury's website on or around 14 July 2017.

http://www.treasury.govt.nz/publications/informationreleases/budget

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Treasury website.

This reply addresses the information you requested. You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision.

Yours sincerely

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