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Ref: OIA-3261

Dear Dr Loomis

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 28 August 2017, to the Hon Judith Collins, Minister of Energy and Resources, requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982. Part of your request for information was transferred from New Zealand Service (Customs) to the NZ Transport Agency on 25 September 2017 and, following a phone call with NZ Transport Agency staff on 16 October 2017, your request for information was refined to the following:

*What was the value of the motor spirits excise duty refund in the 2016/17 tax year?*

The NZ Transport Agency reviews and approves refunds for payment in accordance with section 41 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003, which relates to the 'Refund of excise duty, excise-equivalent duty, and GST'. The Transport Agency is able to provide you with the following data:

- The value of motor spirits excise duty refunds issued for the 2016/17 financial year was \$27,216,000 excluding GST.
- The value of compressed natural gas refunds (CNG) issued for the 2016/17 financial year was \$47,000 excluding GST.
- The value of liquefied petroleum gas refunds (LPG) issued for the 2016/17 financial year was \$28,980,000 excluding GST.

The data provided to you by Customs on 25 September 2017 is the value of refunds issued in accordance with a different set of legislation, the Customs and Excise Act 1996. This is the reason for the variance between our figures and theirs.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Fiona Buckner, Senior Manager, Financial Operations, by email to [Fiona.Buckner@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Fiona.Buckner@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (06) 953 4737.

Yours sincerely



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