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Ref. OIA-3240

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Dear Callum

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2017 received by the NZ Transport Agency via the FYI Website. The Transport Agency also received a copy of your request through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment whereby you have asked for the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

.....the total number of car sales / change of ownership made by either a company registered under the name Capital Tourism Limited (may also be trading as Capital Tourism Ltd) and/or an individual John Stokes.

The following information falls within the scope of your request:

Number of vehicles registered to each company (per year)							
Company	Year						
	2014	2015	2016	2017			
Capital Tourism Limited	11	9	4	0			
Capital Tourism Ltd	4	2	1	0			

Company	previously registered to each company and later on-sold (per year) Year				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Capital Tourism Limited	2	0	0	1	
Capital Tourism Ltd	0	0	0	1	

Despite reasonable efforts, the Transport Agency is unable to locate a record for John Stokes based on the limited identifying information you have supplied in your request. As the information cannot be found this part of your request has been refused under section 18(e) of the Act.

With respect to the decision to refuse this part of your request, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under Section 28 of the Act, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to withhold information and refuse your request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located on the below:

www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Should you be able to supply further information such as the individual's full name, date of birth and customer number in the future, the Transport Agency will be able to reconsider the refused part of your request under the provisions of the Act. When considering the release of information from the Motor Vehicle Register, the Transport Agency must weigh up the public interest with the privacy interests of the individual concerned. Therefore, any future requests may also benefit from the provision of supporting documentation that outlines a public interest to disclose Mr Stokes' information.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Jackie Smith, Senior Customer Access Representative, by email to jackie.smith@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 0800 822 422.

Yours sincerely

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