

24 April 2018

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REF: OIA-3684

Dear Mr Randle

Extension of time to respond to request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 23 March 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

inToday the Stuff news site had a story titled "Government-funded report advocated cheaper Wellington rail fares - but it was never published" (https://scanmail.trustwave.com/?c=2838&d=17602vpWjFi1VPQax0mBbR9_w4QjJrGUKbnmAbaF4g&u=https%3a%2f%2fwww%2estuff%2eco%2enz%2fnational%2f102279167%2fgovernmentfunded-report-advocated-cheaper-wellington-rail-fares-but-it-was-never-published%29) This story was based on a NZTA report called "Metropolitan rail: external benefits and optimal funding", The story claimed the report "evaluated optimal subsidies for rail in Wellington and Auckland" and it was "released last month under the Official Information Act".

- 1) Can I have a copy of the Metropolitan rail: external benefits and optimal funding Report referred to in this story ?*
- 2) Can I have a copy of the report Terms of Reference and/or letter of engagement and/or other information that outlined the purpose and deliverables of this report when it was commissioned ?*
- 3) Can I have a copy of the supporting calculations from the report consultants that "found rail fares in Wellington should be subsidised by between 55 and 100 per cent, and that the "average" fare should be about \$1.70" ?*
- 4) Can I have a copy of the "internal peer review" of the report referred to in the story ?*

This letter is to advise you that the NZ Transport Agency is extending the 20 working days available to respond to your request, as allowed for under section 15A of the Act. We require an additional 5 working days to respond to your request. We will send you a response on or before 02 May 2018.

The deadline is being extended because of the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request. A thorough response to your request cannot reasonably be made within the 20 working day limit.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to extend this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss the extension with the Transport Agency, please email Official.Correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leisa Coley', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Leisa Coley
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