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Jon Pawley

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Dear Jon,

Thank you for your email of 9th November 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

'As part of this move to electric vehicles, I would like to know the area in New Zealand that has the highest density of electric cars per head of population. Given that a postal address must be given when registering the sale of cars it should be possible to calculate statistics on the number of electric cars in the different postcodes in the country, and then compare that to habitation densities throughout the country. Knowing the highest density of electric cars will allow for the focussing of promotional effort to those places where the highest impact may be had.

I would also like to know if there is a record of more than, say, four electric vehicles being owned in any one street.'

Unfortunately, it is not possible to calculate the density of electric cars per head of population as the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) do not hold population data.

Your request has therefore been refused under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either—

- (i) held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or
- (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

However, I am able to provide you with information that has been aggregated to show electric vehicles and hybrid-electric vehicles at a regional level. The spreadsheet 'OIA-4384 Electric Vehicles by TA.xlsx' is attached.

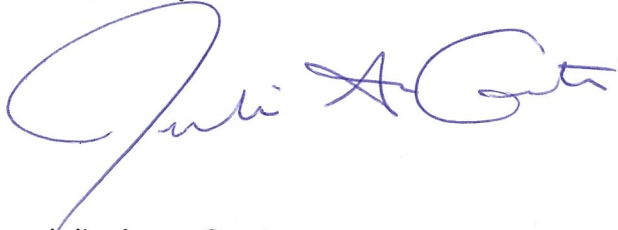
Regions containing less than 4 vehicles have been redacted under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. I am not able to provide information about street level ownership for the same reasons as outlined above.

You can also find population density data on the NZ Stats open data portal (<https://www.data.govt.nz/>).

With respect to the information that has been withheld, 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 ask the Ombudsman to review my decision on this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at: www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julie Anne Genter', written in a cursive style.

Hon Julie Anne Genter
Associate Minister of Transport