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REF: OIA-3542

Dear Nicholas

Thank you for your email of 2 February 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. In 2016, the number of vehicles imported from Australia, after being identified as a write-off in that country.*
- 2. In 2016, the top 10 importers of vehicles from Australia that were identified as write-offs (the 10 importers that brought in the most write-off vehicles), including how many vehicles each imported.*
- 3. In 2017, the number of vehicles imported from Australia, after being identified as a write-off in that country.*
- 4. In 2017, the top 10 importers of vehicles from Australia that were identified as write-offs (the 10 importers that brought in the most write-off vehicles), including how many vehicles each imported.*
- 5. Since 2016, all reports, documents, and memoranda regarding the issue of write-off vehicles being imported to New Zealand, including any that informed the 7 September 2016 change to requirements for water damaged vehicles, and those that contain any assessment or reference to how those changes have affected the number of write-off imports. (This request is not intended to capture documentation about individual imports, but rather those documents or reports that refer to the issue at a more overview level).*

Parts 1–4 of your request

The information you have requested has been provided in Attachment 1. Some personal information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of individuals.

Part 5 of your request

In consultation with you by email on 28 February 2018, part 5 of your request was refined to the following key documents relating to water damaged vehicles:

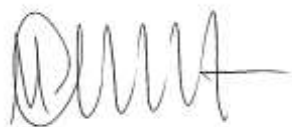
- Attachment 2: Memo – Water Damaged Vehicles – Deviation Process (18 May 2016)
- Attachment 3: Ministerial Briefing Note BRI-0792: Improving management of water damaged vehicles and vehicle damage history (26 July 2016)

In Attachment 3, some personal information has been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act. This section allows for the withholding of information to protect the privacy of individuals.

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 to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andy Knackstedt, Senior Manager Media, by email to Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 021 276 3222.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Charlton', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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