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Dear Kelly

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

Thank you for your email of 27 February 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Under the Official Information Act, I request documents released to Radio New Zealand, also under the OIA, relating to the NZTA investigation into driver licensing bribes. The documents detail complaints from the public regarding allegations of bribery or claims people can pay \$3000 for a heavy vehicle license. Please also include an April 2016 briefing note to then Minister of Transport Simon Bridges regarding the increase in Indian licenses. The information I'm referring to is detailed in this Radio New Zealand report: <https://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/350883/revealed-hundreds-of-drivers-lose-licenses-after-bribery-scandal>*

I have attached a copy of the response provided to Radio New Zealand, including all attachments, subject to the requestors name and contact details withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. I do not consider there to be any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the requestors details available.

Please note, all other redactions are outlined in the response letter provided to Radio New Zealand. The April 2016 briefing referred to in your request is included as Attachment 3 in the documents.

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](http://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](mailto:Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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