

3 December 2018

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REF: OIA-4298/ OIA-4381

Dear Phil

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 18 October 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...any communications between TA and anyone who knew about the use of the decelerometer, about the results of the brake testing using it, including any comparisons with the results from using an RBM, for the six months from March 2017

You later refined your request on 23 October 2018 to:

any communications between TA and anyone who knew about the use of the decelerometer on Waiheke Island, about the results of the brake testing using it, including any comparisons with the results from using an RBM, for the period March 2017 to end of Aug 2018

The NZ Transport Agency contacted you on 31 October 2018 to advise the 20 working days available to respond to your request was being extended under section 15A of the Act. Due to the large quantity of information involved and the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request, you were advised a response would be provided on or before 3 December 2018.

Further to this, on 9 November 2018 we became aware of a separate email from you, also from 18 October 2018, requesting the following information:

Any communications between VTNZ and TA about the results of brake testing at the Waiheke Island COF site using a decelerometer, including any comparisons with its use versus the results from using an RBM, and including any figures about the results being returned, for the period March 2017 to August 2018.

This email was logged as OIA-4381. As the two requests for information are near-identical, this response covers both requests, as allowed for by the Act.

The documents falling within the scope of your request are attached.

Certain 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 natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

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 Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager - Media, by email to Andrew.Knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brett Aldridge', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brett Aldridge
Regulatory Compliance Lead