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Dear Harry

I refer to your request transferred to my office on 24 August 2022, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“All documents and Cabinet Papers mentioning Whangārei in relation to infrastructure and health funding decisions from the date beginning October 2017”

Twelve documents fall within the scope of your request. One is being released to you in full, another one is being released with some information withheld, and the remaining 10 are being refused, in accordance with the following sections of the Act:

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| 9(2)(b)(ii) | to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information |
| 18(d) | the information requested is already publicly available. |

The Document Schedule attached as Annex 1 provides more detail about these documents and how they are being treated under the Act.

With regard to the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding the information at this time are not outweighed by public interest considerations that would make it desirable to make the information available.

Finally, an additional two papers taken to Cabinet by the then Minister for Regional Economic Development have been identified as within scope of your request. It is my understanding that the Minister for Economic and Regional Development, Hon Stuart Nash, will be providing you with a decision on the release of these papers as part of his response to your request. These papers are:

- *Provincial Growth Fund: Regional Rail Investments in 2019/20*
- *Provincial Growth Fund: Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy and Northland Rail Investment*

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman’s website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Wood".

Hon Michael Wood
Minister of Transport

Annex 1 - Document Schedule

#	Document	Decision on release
1	The New Zealand Upgrade Programme - an update on programme options	Refused under Section 18(d). The document can be found here: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Roads-and-Rail/20-011/nz-upgrade-programme-an-update-on-programme-options-20210531.pdf
2	New Zealand Upgrade Programme: Report Back: CAB-21-MIN-0374.01	Refused under Section 18(d). The document can be found here: www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Cabinet-Paper-New-Zealand-Upgrade-Programme-Report-Back-for-Release-v2.pdf
3	The New Zealand Upgrade Programme: Update on Programme Options: CAB-21-MIN-0192	Refused under Section 18(d). The document can be found here: www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Roads-and-Rail/20-011/cab-21-min-0192-nz-upgrade-programme-update-on-programme-options-20210531.pdf
4	Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy: Final Report	Refused under Section 18(d). Information about UNISCS, including these documents and more, can be found on the Ministry of Transport's website at: www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/infrastructure-and-investment/upper-north-island-supply-chain-strategy/
5	Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy: Interim Report	
6	Sapere's Report on the UNISCS Independent Working Group Findings and Officials' Work Programme to 2021	
7	Attachment 1: Analysis of the Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy Working Group Options for moving freight from the Ports of Auckland	
8	Attachment 2: Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy: Report on Treaty Partner Perspectives	
9	Attachment 3: Upper North Island Supply Chain Strategy: Report on Stakeholder Perspectives	
10	Publication of the New Zealand Rail Plan	Refused under Section 18(d). The document can be found here: www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Cabinet/Cab-paper-Publication-of-the-New-Zealand-Rail-Plan.pdf
11	Options for Supporting Regional Air Connectivity	Released with some information withheld under Sections 9(2)(b)(ii).
12	Joint Venture Airports: Appropriation Issues	Released in full.

13	Minimum Wage Review 2021	Refused under Section 18(d). The document can be found here: https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/18690-minimum-wage-review-2021
14	Minimum Wage Review 2020	Refused under Section 18(d). The document can be found here: https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/12566-minimum-wage-review-december-2020-redacted