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Dear Mr Stewart

## Official Information Act request MS2018

I refer to your Official Information Act (the Act) request of 9 July 2018, for the following information:

*"Please release the report, results and any briefings regarding the EV replacement crown limo trial, as mentioned in "Roadblocks for Government fleet's electric shift", published by Newsroom 09/07/18*

<https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2018/07/08/142382/roadblocks-for-government-fleets-electric-shift?preview=1>

Please find attached to this letter a copy of the following documents, provided to Newsroom and referred to in their article of 9 July 2018, as noted above:

- Ministerial Services briefing - VIP Transport Hybrid Electric Vehicle Trial Evaluation dated 20 December 2017
- Report: PHEV evaluation updated 06/09/2017 (Appendix to above briefing)

I have provided the reasons why I am withholding certain information contained in the report, and cited the withholding section of the Act in Table 1 below.

Where section 9 has been relied on, I do not consider that the reason for withholding this information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make it available.

**Table 1**

Document	OIA withholding section(s)
Ministerial Services briefing - VIP Transport Hybrid Electric Vehicle Trial Evaluation dated 20 December 2017	<i>Section 9(2)(a)</i> Mobile phone number has been withheld to protect the privacy of natural persons
Report : PHEV evaluation Updated 06/09/2017	<i>Section 9(2)(g)(i)</i> Part of the comments of page 25 have been withheld to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions between Ministers of the Crown and employees of any department in the course of their duty  <i>Section 6(d)</i> Parts of a paragraph on page 28 and two paragraphs on page 32 has been withheld as making the information available would be likely to endanger the safety of any person  <i>Section 9(2)(b)(ii)</i> Two questions and outcomes have been withheld on page 30 as the release of this information would likely and unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of BMW

Please note that in the Minister's briefing it states that the Department would brief the Minister about options in March 2018. This did not occur as options will be investigated as part of the process of replacing the chauffeur-driven fleet when the current lease arrangement expires.

If you have any concerns with the decisions referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



**Hon Chris Hipkins**  
**Minister Responsible for Ministerial Services**