OC240331

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Tēnā koe James

I refer to your email dated 20 March 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"Could you please provide me what advice has been given to Transport Ministers since 27 November 2023 on the Accessible Streets regulatory package."

Four documents fall within the scope of your request and are detailed in the document schedule attached as Annex 1. The schedule outlines how the documents you requested have been treated under the Act.

Certain information is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

- 9(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons
- 9(2)(f)(iv) to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials

The draft version of the Cabinet paper as referred to in Annex 1 (page 5), has been omitted, as the final version has been included in this response. We confirm there are no substantive differences between the draft and final version of the Cabinet paper.

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.

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 <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u>

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on the Ministry website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Nāku noa, nā

Joanna Heard Manager, Safety

Annex 1 – Document Schedule

| Doc # | Document | Decision on release |
|-------|---|---|
| 1 | OC231157 Government response to the regulations review committee report re e- scooters | Withheld some information under section 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(f)(iv) |
| 2 | Final Cabinet Paper, Government response to the regulations review committee report re e-scooters | Released in full |
| 3 | Government response to the second interim report of regulations review re e-scooters | Released in full |
| 4 | Excerpt from OC230999 Road Safety Objectives Briefing Appendix | Withheld in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv) |