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Dear Gerard

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

Thank you for your email of 31 May 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

a copy of all up to date invoices received by NZTA from their legal council relating to ERA case Byrne Vs NZTA 3042531

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1: New Zealand Transport Agency – Invoice October 2018
- Attachment 2: New Zealand Transport Agency – Invoice November 2018
- Attachment 3: New Zealand Transport Agency – Invoice December 2018
- Attachment 4: New Zealand Transport Agency – Invoice January 2019
- Attachment 5: New Zealand Transport Agency – Invoice February 2019
- Attachment 6: New Zealand Transport Agency – Invoice March 2019
- Attachment 7: New Zealand Transport Agency Veronica Byrne Invoice – April 2019

In providing these invoices to you, we note that only \$297 of the October 2018 invoice relates to the Employment Relations Authority (ERA) case you reference, and the rest relates to other matters. Therefore, we have withheld the total sums invoiced for that period under s9(2)(b)(ii) as detailed below.

We also note that only \$2,711 of the April 2019 invoice relates to the case you reference. The rest of the figure relates to the subsequent Employment Court challenge of the ERA determination on the above case.

Some information has been withheld under the following grounds of the Act:

- s9(2)(k) in order to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of your request. You can find the contact details for the Ombudsman at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Transport Agency, please contact Katrina Leather, Lead Advisor Employment Relations, by email to [Katrina.Leather@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:Katrina.Leather@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone 04 894 5400.

Yours sincerely



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