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Bryce

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Dear Bryce

I refer to your request dated 4 August 2019, pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), seeking:

"In your official capacity as Minister of Transport, please release all communication (including emails, letters etc wether electronic or physical) with Julie Anne-Genter (Associate Minister of Transport) in regards to "Lets Get Wellington Moving"."

One document falls within scope of your request. That is the 26 March 2019 letter I received from Minister Genter on the topic of Let's Get Wellington Moving.

I am withholding this letter in accordance with the following sections of the Act:

- section 9(2)(g)(i) of the Act, to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions between Ministers of the Crown;
- section 9(2)(f)(ii) of the Act, to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect collective ministerial responsibility.

I am of the opinion that there are no countervailing considerations that make it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to make a complaint about the refusal of information to the Ombudsman, whose address for contact purposes is info@ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Phil Twyford', followed by a horizontal line and a vertical bar.

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