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Dear Elliot

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

Thank you for your email of 9 June 2020 in which you requested a copy of your HVEA/HVET technical and conceptual exam and detailed marking schedule under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

In accordance with your request, please find enclosed your HVEA/HVET detailed marking schedule.

Your request for the HVEA/HVET technical and conceptual exam paper has been carefully considered and Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency is withholding this under section 9(2)(k) of the Act to prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage.

Waka Kotahi is of the view that by releasing this exam paper to you, it would undermine the purpose of the exam, which is to identify what you have learned and the depth of your knowledge on this subject. Releasing this exam paper to you would confer an improper advantage as the questions would then be known to you and an enhanced grade could then be achieved. Additionally, as this exam paper only has a few variations of a very narrow field of expertise, it is not possible to provide alternative questions as the same risk would apply.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

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

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Waka Kotahi, please contact Alisha Kitchen, Customer Advisor - Ministerials by email to [alisha.kitchen@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:alisha.kitchen@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on (06) 826 4486.

Yours sincerely



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