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Dear Tamsyn

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 10 September 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

We are developing a tool to help businesses and governments organizations understand New Zealander's use of environmentally conscious lifestyle choices. As part of this work, we are attempting to develop a metric that captures the likelihood of individuals using green personal transport such as electric vehicles, in contrast to traditional personal transport such as diesel or petrol vehicles. In this regard we would like a dataset that specifies, for each 2021 Statistical Area 2 across New Zealand:

- *Total car registrations: The total number of vehicles registered.*
- *Total electric car registrations: The number of electric vehicles registered, where electric is defined as the categories electric, electric fuel cell hydrogen and electric fuel cell other.*
- *Total hybrid car registrations: The number of hybrid vehicles registered, where hybrid is defined as the categories plugin petrol hybrid, plugin diesel hybrid, petrol hybrid, diesel hybrid, electric [petrol extended], electric [diesel extended], petrol electric hybrid and diesel electric hybrid.*

On 8 October 2021 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency extended this request until 29 October as a capability that would enable Waka Kotahi to gather the data in the Statistical Area 2 (SA2) format you have requested was under development and required multiple searches through large quantities of data. It was expected that the development of this capability would take 10-15 working days; however, this capability is still under development as of now and we are not able to locate the data.

Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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

Our Statistical Analysis team is continuing to work on developing this capability and we may be able to fulfil this request at a later date. We encourage you to contact Maurice Forman, Principal Advisor, Business Intelligence, by email to maurice.forman@nzta.govt.nz to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Galina Mitchelhill', written in black ink.

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