

Hon Michael Wood

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Mark Williams
Via FYI.org.nz
fyi-request-20901-c0558d94@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mark

Thank you for your email of 18 October 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

1. Please advise on how many days in the last six months you have used and paid for public transport.

2. Please advise what this mode of public transport was, and in what city.

Please do not include journeys you did not personally pay for (for example, publicity or policy announcements regarding public transport).

Please do not include any lunch-time only use of Wellington buses.

I am refusing your request for these documents under section 18(e) of the Act as I do not hold any such information in my capacity as Minister.

However, while this information is not Official Information for the purposes of the Act, I am always keen to promote the use of public transport. My use of public transport is nearly always at my own expense and mainly occurs in Auckland. My AT Hop Online Account only goes back 5 months, and shows I have taken 22 bus journeys in that time. This is in addition to bus journeys in Wellington and Christchurch I have taken in that period, for which I do not have online records.

Public transport is a great way of getting around and our government is putting record investment into better services, reduced fares, and long overdue maintenance. While public transport won't work for everyone's journeys every time, I encourage you to give it a go where convenient.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Wood".

Hon Michael Wood
Minister of Transport