

# Hon Kieran McAnulty

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Dear Krista,

I refer to your email dated 19 May 2023, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“Any information relating to decisions made at the Cabinet level regarding the Accessible Streets package that was consulted on in 2020, and that was going to cabinet in 2022 with a rule change proposed.*

*In particular I would like to see any minutes of a cabinet meeting that discussed the proposal.*

*If these are not available, I would like to see any correspondence between the minister and officials relating to the Accessible Streets programme between July 2021 and today. In particular, I am interested in any correspondence that would show why this programme has not been progressed.”*

Thirteen documents fall within the scope of your request and are detailed in the document schedule attached as Annex 1. The schedule outlines how the documents you requested have been treated under the Act.

Certain information is withheld under the following sections of the Act:

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| 9(2)(a)     | to protect the privacy of natural persons   |
| 9(2)(f)(iv) | to maintain the constitutional conventions for the time being which protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by Ministers of the Crown and officials  |
| 9(2)(g)(i)  | to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to Ministers of the Crown or members of an organisation or officers and employees of any public service agency or organisation in the course of their duty |

With regard to the information that has been withheld under section 9 of the Act, I am satisfied that the reasons for withholding the information at this time are not outweighed by public interest considerations that would make it desirable to make the information available.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found on the Ombudsman's website [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kieran McNulty', written in a cursive style.

Hon Kieran McNulty  
**Acting Minister of Transport**

## Annex 1 - Document Schedule

Doc#	Date	Document	Decision on release
1	Undated	Accessible Streets Regulatory Package – Final Policy Decisions	Withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
2	5 April 2023	DEV-23-MIN-0050	Withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
3	11 April 2023	CAB-23-MIN-0126.01	Released in full
4	Undated	Appendix 1 - table of proposals post dept consultation	Withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
5	Undated	Appendix 2 - Offences and penalties post dept consultation	Withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
6	1 April 2022	Appendix 3 - Regulatory Impact Assessment	Withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
7	Undated	Appendix 4 - Proposed implementation layout of Accessible Streets	Withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
8	14 April 2021	Appendix 5 - Accessible Streets Draft Summary of Submissions	Withhold in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)
9	10 August 2022	Email: RE Accessible Streets - deferred to DEV on 24 August	Withhold certain information under section 9(2)(f)(iv) and section 9(2)(a)
10	10 May 2023	Email RE Action required Short note on Accessible Streets for Minister - RE Accessible Streets query	Withhold certain information under section 9(2)(a) and some information is out of scope
11	17 May 2022	Email RE Attn Seb Brown. Revised Accessible Streets Cabinet paper	Withhold certain information under section 9(2)(f)(iv) and section 9(2)(a)
12	30 November 2022	Email RE Timelines and process for Cabinet paper finalisation and lodgement for Wed 16 Nov and Thurs 17 Nov	Withhold certain information under section 9(2)(f)(iv) and section 9(2)(a)
13	May 2023	Email: Letter from PM regarding priorities	Majority of information out of scope, withhold document in full under section 9(2)(f)(iv)