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Dear Andrew

Thank you for your email of 14 May 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Please provide for each Roads of National Significance or Regional Significance the benefit cost ratio you have been provided with to inform your decision making, including the date of each assessment and the make-up of the benefits and costs by category and value. Estimated vehicles per day usage of each road, current and expected, should also be included

The Roads of National Significance are corridors that have been listed as priorities in the draft Government Policy Statement (GPS) on land transport 2024. I expect to release the final GPS in the coming weeks. Confirmation of the scope and cost of these projects will determine the benefit cost ratio of individual Roads of National Significance and is a matter for the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) Board as it finalises the National Land Transport Programme.

Therefore, section 18(e) of the Act applies as the information you have requested does not exist.

I note that BCRs have been calculated by the NZTA for some of the projects identified as Roads of National and Regional Significance. However, many of these are historical, or are based on project scopes that will not be taken forward under this Government. For example, as outlined in the draft GPS, all Roads of National Significance will be four-lane, grade-separated highways. While these were not provided to me to inform my decision making, you may wish to discuss what BCRs are available with the NZTA.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simeon Brown'.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport