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OIA24-298

C Robertson

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Dear C Robertson,

I refer to your email dated 11 July 2024, requesting the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

"In this interview from 8 July 2024

([https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/521580/no-need-for-blanket-approach-for-speed-limits-transport-minister-says-!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!ruDOeqePi8iCZEijhMie4hcOvCHoTurK_8eXOHN8X4lh51haswKOstTd2h0_JzZ6oz4ee4bivb0sd-SoWY0KGGLOgQY7mBFbHF-yzOYq54n\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/political/521580/no-need-for-blanket-approach-for-speed-limits-transport-minister-says-!!Asq5-8xVch3Req!ruDOeqePi8iCZEijhMie4hcOvCHoTurK_8eXOHN8X4lh51haswKOstTd2h0_JzZ6oz4ee4bivb0sd-SoWY0KGGLOgQY7mBFbHF-yzOYq54n$)), you refer to a cost-benefit analysis relating to the government's approach in the draft Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024. Under the OIA, I request all information relating to this cost-benefit analysis.

In the same interview, you refer to safety measures. I also request all information relating to any safety analysis undertaken relating to the proposed Rule, such as modelling of the expected change in deaths and serious injuries (DSI), or analysis of historical DSI data.

I also request information on the drafting process of the Rule, in particular when drafting commenced; which organisations, bodies or offices were involved in the drafting of the proposed Rule, and at what stage; and a list of documents referred to in the drafting process."

The Ministry of Transport (the Ministry) undertook an analysis of the costs and benefits of the draft Setting of Speed Limits Rule 2024 (the draft Rule) as part of the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) on the draft Rule. As the RIS has been published on the Ministry's website, I am refusing this part of your request under Section 18(d) of the Act – the information is publicly available.

Please see the following link to the RIS:

<https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Setting-of-Speed-Limits-Interim-RIS.pdf>.

Regarding the drafting of the rule, I am advised that the Ministry issued drafting suggestions to the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) on 22 March 2024. This was updated on 25 March 2024, with further drafting suggestions issued on 5 April 2024. The drafting process was iterative with NZTA providing a final draft to the Ministry on 11 June 2024. Please note that drafting suggestions as well as draft iterations of the rule are subject to legal privilege and therefore withheld under section 9(2)(h) of the Act.

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.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simeon Brown', written in a cursive style.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport