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Dear Dan,

I refer to your email dated 26 November 2024, requesting the following briefings under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*“OC241012 New Zealand Transport Agency: Monitoring Plan
OC241047 Air Services Agreement with Hungary
OC241127 Aviation On-Time Performance Report
OC241090 Meeting with the New Zealand Airports Association
OC241108 Meeting with Board of Airline Representatives New Zealand
MIN-4574 State of Public Transport in New Zealand”*

On 16 December 2024, my Office transferred the part of your request regarding a copy of the briefing titled *OC241047 Air Services Agreement with Hungary* to Hon Matt Doocey, Associate Minister of Transport who was the recipient of this briefing. You will hear back from his office directly.

The remaining five briefings are released to you with some information withheld and refused. The document schedule attached as Annex 1 outlines how the documents have been treated under the Act.

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

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| 9(2)(a) | to protect the privacy of natural persons |
| 9(2)(b)(ii) | to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information |
| 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 |
| 18(d) | the information requested is or will soon be publicly available |

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

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large 'S' followed by a horizontal line and a 'B' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Transport

Annex 1 - Document Schedule

Doc#	Date	Document	Decision on release
1	4/09/2024	OC241012 - New Zealand Transport Agency: Monitoring Plan	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a).
2	25/09/2024	OC241127 - Aviation On-time Performance Report	Released with some information withheld under section 9(2)(a). The Aviation on-time performance report for July and August 2024 is refused under section 18(d) as it's available here: https://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Aviation-on-timeperformance- July-August-2024.pdf
3	27/09/2024	OC241090 - Meeting with the New Zealand Airports Association	Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii), 9(2)(f)(iv) and 9(2)(g)(i).
4	30/09/2024	OC241108 - Meeting with Board of Airline Representatives New Zealand	Released with some information withheld under sections 9(2)(a), 9(2)(b)(ii) and 9(2)(f)(iv).
5	Undated	MIN-4574 State of Public Transport in New Zealand	Released in full.