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Dear Tony

Extension of time to respond to parts of a request made under the Official Information Act 1982 and responses to remaining parts of the request

Thank you for your email of 24 April 2017, requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I am interested in how the NZTA engaged the consultants for the Advanced Bus Solution that made the recommendation behind this major decision on the future of Auckland Transport.

- 1) *Can I please have a copy of the Terms of Reference or equivalent that was approved for the Advanced Bus Solution Study and Report ?*
- 2) *Can I please have a copy of the tender documents or equivalent that were issued in order to engage the consultants for the Advanced Bus Solution Study and Report ?*
- 3) *Can I please have a copy of the contract signed to engage the consultants for the Advanced Bus Solution Study and Report ?*
- 4) *Can I please have a copy of the NZTA meeting agenda's and minutes (including any supporting presentations and/or reports) between NZTA and the consultants for the Advanced Bus Solution Study and Report ?*
- 5) *Can I please have a copy of the NZTA meeting agenda's and minutes that accepted the final version of Advanced Bus Solution Study and Report ?*
- 6) *Can I please have a copy of the NZTA Board meeting agenda's and minutes (including any supporting presentation and/or reports) that where the decision to support "a staged, integrated transition from bus to light rail transit from the Airport to the city centre" was made ?*

The NZTA Board's meeting agendas and minutes are made publically available, and after ratification (generally six weeks after the board meeting), can be found at the following link: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/our-investments/investment-decisions/board-decisions/>.

The NZTA meeting minutes that accepted the final version of Advanced Bus Solution Study and Report can be found at the following link: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/About-us-2/docs/board-meeting-minutes-2017/minutes-20170302.pdf>.

For the remainder of your request, the NZ Transport Agency is extending the 20 working days available to respond as is allowed for under section 15A of the Act. We require an additional 20 working days to respond to your request. We will send you a response on or before 21 June 2017.

The time limit is being extended because of the large quantity of information you have requested and because meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the Transport Agency. Also, consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this decision. The website address is www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/.

Yours sincerely

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