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Dear B White

Re: Official Information Act 1982 request for Briefings to the Minister of Energy and Resources on the Government's commitment to buy Electric Vehicles

Thank you for your Official Information Act (OIA) request of 9 July 2018 for "copies of briefings provided to the Minister regarding the implementation of the Government's commitment to buy electric vehicles". You also ask for any guidelines provided to government agencies on what to consider when procuring electric vehicles.

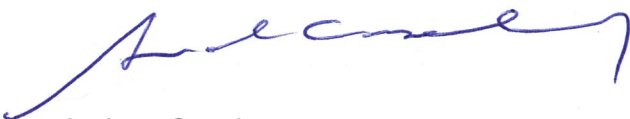
In response to your request, please find attached a copy of a briefing to the Minister of Energy and Resources, and two other Ministers, dated 15 March 2018, and entitled 'Barriers to Electric Vehicle Uptake in the Government Fleet'.

You will see that some redactions have been made to the document under various sections of the OIA. The redactions that have been made are: to protect privacy; where disclosing the information would likely prejudice the supply of similar information; to protect the confidentiality of advice tendered by officials and to maintain the free and frank expression of opinions; and to enable a Minister or department to carry out commercial activities. Each shaded redaction is marked with the applicable section of the OIA.

You also asked about guidelines provided to government agencies on what to consider when procuring electric vehicles. We do not have guidelines for central agencies but here is a link to the recently published guide for local authorities on ways to support and promote electric vehicles <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/assets/Resources-EECA/research-publications-resources/electric-vehicles-local-government-guide.pdf>.

Thank you for taking the time to write to us. You have the right under section 28 of the OIA to seek a review by the Ombudsman of the response we have provided to your request.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Caseley
Chief Executive