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section 9(2)  
(a)

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Dear section 9(2)(a)

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 21 May 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Under the OIA, I request all communications received from the Minister of Transport or any other Ministers in the last four years regarding:*

- the number of communications staff employed by NZTA
- the number of external consultants contracted by NZTA
- the amount spent by NZTA on communications staff
- the amount spent by NZTA on external consultants

On 11 May 2022, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency received a verbal request from the Minister of Transport's Office to provide information regarding the increased number of Waka Kotahi back-office and communications staff.

I have enclosed one email that falls within the scope of your request. This is provided to you as Attachment 1 (Attachment 1 - 5 March 2019 - Actions from Minister Twyford's officials meeting). Personal phone numbers are withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

With respect to the information that has been withheld, I do not consider there are any other factors which would render it desirable, in the public interest, to make the information available.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold this information. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact the Ministerial Services team by email at [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leisa', is positioned above the printed name and title.

**Leisa Coley**  
Senior Manager, Government

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