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Tēnā koe Connor,

Thank you for your email of 21 October 2025 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) regarding advice provided on the affordability of the Roads of National Significance (RoNS) within the last six months.

We advised you on 19 November 2025 that we were extending the timeframe available to respond to you under section 15A(1)(b) of the Act as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request were such that a proper response to the request could not reasonably be made within the original time limit. We undertook to provide you a response no later than today, 26 November 2025.

There are five documents within the scope of your request, three of which are withheld in full, including titles, under the following sections of the Act:

- 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)(i) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities
- 9(2)(j) to enable a Minister of the Crown or any public service agency or organisation holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)

We are releasing the other two documents to you in part. However, it will take us some time to prepare this information for release. We will send you that information no later than 5 December 2025. The papers in question are titled *A3: Update on the Roads of National Significance – 22 July 2025* and *Briefing: OC250681 Detailed Report Back on the Roads of National Significance (RoNS) Programme plus Attachment 1: RoNS 1 Page Summaries*.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

The Ministry publishes our Official Information Act responses and the information contained in our reply to you may be published on the Ministry's website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Cross', written in a cursive style.

Richard Cross  
**Acting Manager, Investment**