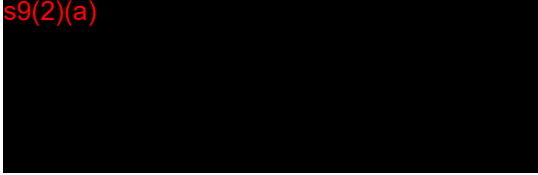


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RESPONSE TO AN OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST (REF: DOIA031-2023/24)

On 22 November 2023, you contacted the Ministry for Pacific Peoples (the Ministry) requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), information relating to land travel expenditure. I have outlined your specific requests and my responses to each below.

1. *What was the department's Taxi expenditure for the 2022/23 financial year?*
2. *What was the department's expenditure on ridesharing apps (such as Uber, Ola, Zoomy, YourRide etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?*

Each year, the Ministry's Annual Review includes taxi and ridesharing expenditure. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA on the grounds that this information will soon be publicly available.

- a. *If the agency does not separate out taxi expenditure from other ride sharing expenditure, please indicate whether ridesharing or taxi use is the default/most common when such a service is needed and provide and a rough estimate of the proportion of trips that are taken via ridesharing vs taxi.*

Ridesharing use is the Ministry's preferred service when needed. Estimated trips taken are 843 (ridesharing) and 613 (taxi services).

3. *What was the department's expenditure on public transport (busses, trains, ferries, etc) for the 2022/23 financial year?*

The Ministry has spent \$100 on bus services, no other public transport has been used.

4. *What was the department's other road travel expenditure (running costs of vehicles owned by your agencies, hire cars etc but excluding flights) for the 2022/23 financial year?*

The Ministry's total running costs of vehicles is \$37.8K. This cost includes fuel, maintenance, car parking and depreciation.

5. *Does the department have internal policies banning their staff or advising them against using ride-sharing apps for work travel? If so, what are these policies?*
6. *Does the department have any concerns about their staff using ride-sharing apps for work travel?*

The Ministry does not have any internal policies banning staff from using ride-sharing apps, nor do we have any concerns with staff using ridesharing apps.

7. *If the department does not currently use ridesharing, please indicate why not? Similarly, if the department does not use ridesharing as the default over taxis, please indicate why not.*

The Ministry prefers the use of ridesharing applications such as Uber over taxis.

8. *Has the department purchased any vehicles over the 2022/2023 financial year? If so, how many were electric, diesel and petrol and what was the cost of these purchases broken down by vehicle type (electric, diesel, petrol)?*

No vehicles were purchased in the 2022/23 financial year.

9. *What is the running cost of all the department's vehicles?*

Refer to the response provided in Q4.

10. *Please provide an estimate on the number of kilometers traveled by staff via land transport in the 2022/23 financial year.*

I am refusing this part of your request under 18(f) of the OIA on the grounds that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collusion.

In line with standard OIA practice, the Ministry proactively publishes some of its responses to OIA requests. As such, this letter may be published on the Ministry for Pacific Peoples' website. Your personal details will be removed, and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you or your organisation.

Should you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the Ministry at: oi_requests@mpp.govt.nz.

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you have the right, under section 28(3) of the OIA, to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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