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Dear [REDACTED]

On 8 October 2018, you emailed the Ministry requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, the following information:

- a copy of the cost and volume of Work and Income's fuel use, by month, for the last two years.
- To narrow the scope of this request, I am not after all documents held that contain information related to fuel use. A single copy of documents that summarise the total spend and total volume of Work and Income will be fine.

The Ministry of Social Development, which includes Work and Income employs over 6,000 staff who work all over New Zealand. Staff travel extensively, and it is essential that they have access to safe and reliable transport. As such it is necessary that the Ministry maintain a fleet of vehicles.

Each Ministry vehicle is issued with its own unique fuel card (i.e. BP Fuelcard/Fleetcard) for all vehicle-related supplies. No private or non-vehicle related purchases can be charged to the fuel cards. The fuel card can also be used for other vehicle repairs and purchases where accepted by the supplier.

The table below outlines Service Delivery's expenditure (GST exclusive) on fuel between 1 July 2015 and 30 June 2018, broken down by month and financial year.

Month	Financial year		
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
July	\$72,363.55	\$58,622.00	\$56,224.86
August	\$67,052.56	\$65,157.11	\$66,535.40
September	\$70,608.51	\$61,514.11	\$63,274.58
October	\$60,912.09	\$57,981.75	\$59,712.14
November	\$64,123.23	\$63,504.82	\$60,139.48
December	\$54,387.15	\$49,857.54	\$80,953.24
January	\$43,382.76	\$43,487.75	\$34,142.06
February	\$52,363.36	\$56,504.74	\$99,793.79
March	\$59,861.61	\$68,110.48	\$27,487.31
April	\$55,995.04	\$49,208.56	\$64,612.90
May	\$68,187.47	\$72,225.98	\$58,280.14
June	\$60,329.76	\$61,477.20	\$84,422.25
Total	\$729,567.09	\$707,652.04	\$755,578.15

This response includes all areas of Service Delivery, including all Work and Income sites, Work and Income National Office, Regional Offices, and Contact Centres. Former Child, Youth and family sites, which were part of the Ministry until 1 April 2017 have been excluded.

The Ministry does not collect information on the volume of fuel that Service Delivery purchases. The Ministry's financial accounting system only records the amount spent on fuel costs. As such, your request for this information is refused under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act as it is not held by the Ministry and I have no grounds to believe that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.

The principles and purposes of the Official Information Act 1982 under which you made your request are:

- to create greater openness and transparency about the plans, work and activities of the Government,
- to increase the ability of the public to participate in the making and administration of our laws and policies and
- to lead to greater accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

This Ministry fully supports those principles and purposes. The Ministry therefore intends to make the information contained in this letter and any attached documents available to the wider public shortly. The Ministry will do this by publishing this letter on the Ministry of Social Development's website. Your personal details will be deleted and the Ministry will not publish any information that would identify you as the person who requested the information.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact OIA_Requests@msd.govt.nz.

If you are not satisfied with this response regarding Service Delivery's fuel expenditure, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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