



# Te Kawa Mataaho

Public Service Commission

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## Official Information Request Our Ref: 2023-0278

I refer to your official information request received on 22 November 2023 where you have asked a number of questions in relation to Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's (the Commission's) land transport costs and policies. For ease of reference, we have listed your questions and then our response directly underneath.

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?**
  - 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**

For the 2022/23 financial year, the Commission's taxi expenditure was \$7,635.67 and the ridesharing expenditure was \$911.49.

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

The Commission had no expenditure on public transport for the 2022/23 financial year. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) on the grounds that the information does not exist.

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?**

For the 2022/23 financial year, the Commission's expenditure for rental cars was \$856.00 and the expenditure for personal cars used for business related travel was \$1,413.35. The Commission does not own any motor vehicles.

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?**
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 Commission's Travel Policy allows for taxi and other forms of rideshares to be used by its staff for business related transportation. The Commission does not have concerns about staff using rideshares for business related travel as long as they are compliant with the Commission's Travel Policy.

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

The Commission does not own any motor vehicles. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds that the information does not exist.

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

For the 2022/23 financial year, 3,375 kilometres were travelled by staff using personal vehicles for business related travel and 139.5 kilometres were travelled by staff using rental cars for business related travel. The Commission does not have a record of how many kilometres were travelled by staff using taxis. Therefore, we are refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA on the grounds that the information does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz](mailto:Ministerial.Services@publicservice.govt.nz).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the Te Kawa Mataaho Public Service Commission's website.

Yours sincerely



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