Thank you for your email of 1 September 2017 to the Ministry of Education requesting the following information:

1. *How many vehicles are currently owned or leased by your organisation? Please break them down by type (car, van, truck etc, and also break down by what they are powered by – e.g. petrol, diesel, LPG, hybrid, other or electric).*
2. *How many vehicles were acquired by your organisation, broken down by year, since 1 July 2015, and how much was spent on such acquisitions, per year?*
3. *How many vehicles were disposed by your organisation, broken down by year, since 1 July 2015, and how much was realised by such disposals, per year?*
4. *What were the annual running costs of your fleet, broken down by year, since 1 July 2015?*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act).

Every day, hundreds of Ministry staff members are out working with schools, early childhood education services and other education providers across all parts of New Zealand. The Ministry has completed a review of fleet usage to optimise the total number of vehicles in our fleet and ensure appropriate coverage across Ministry locations.

Question 1 - *How many vehicles are currently owned or leased by your organisation? Please break them down by type (car, van, truck etc, and also break down by what they are powered by – e.g. petrol, diesel, LPG, hybrid, other or electric).*

As at 31 August 2017 the Ministry currently owns 311 vehicles and leases a further 254 vehicles. Of these 565 vehicles, 561 are cars and 4 are SUVs. All 565 vehicles are petrol vehicles. The Ministry is also awaiting the delivery of a further 4 vehicles to be leased.

Question 2 - *How many vehicles were acquired by your organisation, broken down by year, since 1 July 2015, and how much was spent on such acquisitions, per year?*

The Ministry has not acquired any vehicles since 1 July 2015. However we have entered into a number of new vehicle leasing arrangements. Costs of these leasing arrangements are included in the total figures presented in Question 4.

Financial Year (1 July to 30 June)	Number of new vehicle leases	Additional comments
2015/16	0	
2016/17	223	

Question 3 - How many vehicles were disposed by your organisation, broken down by year, since 1 July 2015, and how much was realised by such disposals, per year?

Financial Year (1 July to 30 June)	Number of vehicles disposed	Amount realised by disposals (000's)
2015/16	0	$0
2016/17	185	$1,126

Question 4 - What were the annual running costs of your fleet, broken down by year, since 1 July 2015?

Year	Annual running costs of vehicle fleet (000's)
1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016	$1,691
1 July 2016 - 30 June 2017	$1,887

Our vehicle running costs are comprised of the following expenditure items: monthly vehicle fleet management fees, fuel, car washes, maintenance, registration fees, tyres, insurance premiums, accident repair costs (insurance policy excess charges), miscellaneous costs and vehicle lease costs. Depreciation has not been included in running costs.

The 2016/2017 running costs include 'vehicle leasing charges'. The increase in vehicle leasing costs are offset by a decrease in vehicle depreciation due to the reduction in vehicle capital costs.

Please note, the Ministry now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

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