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Ref: DOIA 2324-2235

Privacy of natural persons

Thank you for your email of 11 April 2024 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA), the following information:

*A list/document of the Motor Vehicle Traders Register*

Details about registered motor vehicle traders are recorded on the Motor Vehicle Traders Register (the register). The purpose of this register, as set out in section 53 of the Motor Vehicle Sales Act (the MVSA), is to enable members of the public to search the register to know who is responsible for a motor vehicle trading business, how to contact a motor vehicle trader if required, and determine whether or not a person is registered as a motor vehicle trader.

The register is available at: [Motor Vehicle Traders Register \(motortraders.govt.nz\)](https://motortraders.govt.nz). The register is not viewable as a full list or database as this would be contrary to sections 56 to 59 of the MVSA, which sets out a regime for searching the register.

MBIE is therefore refusing your request under section 18(c)(i) of the OIA, as the making available of the information requested would be contrary to the provision of a specified enactment, namely sections 56 to 59 of the MVSA.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the MBIE website at: [www.mbie.govt.nz/about/open-government-and-official-information/published-official-information-act-requests/](https://www.mbie.govt.nz/about/open-government-and-official-information/published-official-information-act-requests/).

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, or if you require any further assistance, please contact [OIA@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@mbie.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](https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

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