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Dear Claire

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 30 November 2012 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- 'The costs of the SuperGold Card [scheme] on public transport, broken down by region (and in some cases by route). I wanted to compare the last year with the first or second year of the discounts.'

This information is provided in Attachment 1. You will note the table provides two columns of figures for the 2008/09 year. This is because the SuperGold Card Scheme began in October 2008. The first column shows the first nine months of 2008/09 and the other shows an estimate for a full 12-month year.

Because of the way information is reported to the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) it is not possible to provide costs by route.

Funding for the Waiheke Island ferry (operated by Fullers) has been capped since November 2010 at \$1,500,000 (excluding GST). It is adjusted annually in line with consumer price index increases (\$1,540,500 in 2011/12 and \$1,559,000 in 2012/13).

As Andy Knackstedt noted in his email of 3 December 2012, the SuperGold Card free off-peak travel concession does not apply to inter-regional services such as the Overlander. It is only available on services operating within regions that were identified in the regional public transport plan before the introduction of the moratorium on new services in November 2010.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZTA, please contact Andy Knackstedt by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (04) 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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Attachment 1: Table showing SuperGold Card concession expenditure by region and mode

Region	2008/09 Total for first nine months	2008/09 Estimated total for a full year	2009/10 Total	2010/11 Total	2011/12 Total
Auckland - bus	\$4,459,777	\$5,946,370	\$6,853,415	\$7,170,949	\$7,396,795
Auckland - ferry	\$1,814,485	\$2,419,313	\$2,370,130	\$1,892,123	\$2,364,264
Auckland - train	\$413,093	\$550,791	\$724,884	\$838,960	\$985,569
Bay of Plenty - bus	\$239,886	\$319,848	\$451,174	\$492,818	\$547,719
Canterbury - bus	\$1,868,213	\$2,490,951	\$2,672,877	\$2,551,327	\$2,133,997
Canterbury - ferry	\$33,823	\$45,098	\$49,647	\$30,468	\$38,499
Gisborne - bus	\$11,085	\$14,780	\$18,740	\$20,658	\$18,936
Hawkes Bay - bus	\$81,686	\$108,915	\$147,180	\$173,089	\$210,796
Manawatu/Whanganui - bus	\$77,708	\$103,610	\$120,102	\$116,403	\$135,255
Southland - bus	\$42,348	\$56,464	\$53,819	\$34,024	\$21,009
Marlborough - bus	\$11,209	\$14,946	\$18,925	\$16,695	\$16,807
Nelson - bus	\$44,236	\$58,982	\$62,689	\$69,022	\$77,743
Northland - bus	\$51,381	\$68,508	\$96,446	\$91,978	\$93,807
Otago - bus	\$324,219	\$432,292	\$574,848	\$657,356	\$668,067
Taranaki - bus	\$43,244	\$57,659	\$77,069	\$93,970	\$96,240
Waikato - bus	\$369,322	\$492,430	\$627,221	\$659,764	\$684,559
Wellington - bus	\$2,372,478	\$3,163,303	\$3,615,211	\$4,197,908	\$4,363,425
Wellington - ferry	\$72,098	\$96,131	\$79,227	\$70,388	\$64,654
Wellington - train	\$790,533	\$1,054,044	\$1,119,641	\$1,264,052	\$1,446,359
Total	\$13,120,825	\$17,494,433	\$19,733,247	\$20,441,951	\$21,364,499