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Dear Marty

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 22 February 2013 requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982, information held by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) on the recovery of costs relating to vehicle accidents.

You have asked for this information for each region of New Zealand. The NZTA's financial system does not allocate a separate code for invoices relating to such costs so we have asked our regional offices to manually collate this information. As a result, the information provided to you may not be complete.

I have responded to each of your questions in turn below.

1. Please tell me the number of invoices for cost recovery sent to motorists in each region for each year.

NZTA region	2011	2012	2013 (to date)
Northland	n/a	n/a	1
Auckland	8	36	21
Waikato	14	11	n/a
Bay of Plenty	15	10	n/a
Gisborne/Hawke's Bay	16	26	20
Manawatu/Whanganui/Taranaki	16	13	n/a
Wellington	36	16	n/a
Marlborough	n/a	7	n/a
Nelson/Tasman	n/a	26	n/a
Canterbury/West Coast Region	33	22	n/a
Otago/Southland	3	9	n/a

2. What was the total \$ invoiced in each region for each year?

NZTA region	2011	2012	2013 (to date)
Northland	n/a	n/a	\$1,300
Auckland	\$115,137	\$188,309	\$95,810
Waikato	\$97,665	\$16,000	n/a
Bay of Plenty	\$55,346	\$17,065	n/a
Gisborne/Hawke's Bay	\$112,320	\$258,396	\$106,869
Manawatu/Whanganui/Taranaki	\$322,650	\$89,819	n/a
Wellington	\$169,668	\$62,032	n/a
Marlborough	n/a	\$52,660	n/a
Nelson/Tasman	n/a	\$98,401	n/a
Canterbury/West Coast Region	\$410,677	\$284,026	n/a
Otago/Southland	\$17,582	\$77,240	n/a

3. How many invoices related only to road closures for each year?

The invoices held by the NZTA's regional offices do not contain this information. I am therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982. This allows part of a request to be declined if the information requested does not exist.

4. What was the total \$ related to invoices that were only for road closures for each year?

The invoices held by the NZTA's regional offices do not contain this information. I am therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982.

5. Of the invoices that covered damage to furniture etc as well as road closure, please break this down so I am able to see the \$ related only to the road closure.

The invoices held by the NZTA's regional offices do not contain this information. I am therefore declining this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982.

Under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to decline parts of your request. The address is:

Office of the Ombudsmen
PO Box 10152
Wellington

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Reid', with a stylized, cursive script.

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