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Dear Conan

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 20 February 2014 requesting under the Official Information Act 1982 "the total amount spent on the projects below on 'community engagement' and all communications for the 2012-2013 fiscal year":

- Puhoi to Wellsford – SH1
- Western Ring Route, Auckland – SH16, SH18 and SH20
- Victoria Park Tunnel, Auckland – SH1
- Waikato Expressway – SH1
- Tauranga Eastern Corridor – SH2
- Wellington Northern Corridor – SH1
- Christchurch Motorways

In my responses to you of both 25 October 2013 and 19 November 2013 I pointed out that each road of national significance (RoNS) is broken into separate sections that are delivered as separate projects. In our response below we have summarised the costs as best we can at the programme (RoNS) level.

The information supplied below represents our best efforts to identify the costs you have requested. The figures do not include Transport Agency salaries or GST. When reading these responses you need to recognise that these projects are delivered by our regional teams, and are not all delivered according to the same contracting model. In the time available to us, we have collated the best information available, but it may not be presented in a standard format that easily lends itself to overall analysis.

While our supply contracts specify a specific scope of work, which often includes community engagement activity, it does not separate out a particular budget for that work, and our suppliers are not required to itemise them in their invoices. As I have discussed with you previously, it is for that reason, the information you have requested is not readily retrievable.

Expenditure on projects also varies based on its position in its development and delivery lifecycle. For example, there is often more activity leading up to the opening of the road, or around the time we engage on possible options.

The activities for which you have requested information are undertaken for any large roading project, as it is our responsibility to keep communities informed and to consult them. There is no additional overarching activity due to these projects forming the Roads of National Significance Programme. Examples of the activities that are included in the figures below include:

- general stakeholder engagement
- public open days and other events
- public notices
- newsletters.
- advertising of traffic switches or changes during construction.

RoNS	Estimated expenditure
Puhoi to Wellsford – SH1	Approximate expenditure of \$61,000
Western Ring Route, Auckland – SH16, SH18 and SH20	Approximate expenditure of \$670,000
Victoria Park Tunnel, Auckland – SH1	Project now complete, no expenditure in relevant period
Waikato Expressway – SH1	Approximate expenditure of \$600,000
Tauranga Eastern Corridor – SH2	Approximate expenditure of \$100,000
Wellington Northern Corridor – SH1	Please refer to the response to Question 163 supplied to the Transport and Industrial Relations Committee for the 2012/13 financial review, available at: www.parliament.nz/en-nz/pb/sc/documents/evidence/50SCTIR_EVI_00DBSCH_FIN_12727_1_A370608/new-zealand-transport-agency-questions-1-195 .
Christchurch Motorways	Approximate expenditure of \$115,000

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

Yours sincerely



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