

From: [Official Correspondence](#)
To: johnmichaelswannix@mediaworks.co.nz
Subject: OIA-3396 RESPONSE
Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2018 5:35:22 p.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
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[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[OIA-3396 Response.pdf](#)

Dear John-Michael

Please find attached the response to your request of 20 November 2017 for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

Regards

Ministerial Services
Governance, Stakeholders and Communications
50 Victoria Street, Private Bag 6995, Wellington 6141, New Zealand



From: [Lachlan Brown](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 Swannix - dispatched
Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2018 3:42:00 p.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Fergus,

Just letting you know that OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix is going to be dispatched by the end of today.

I want to say a big thanks for your help on this one – it has been quite a task!

Here's a link to the final response:

OIA-3396 Response.pdf

<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/30383347>

Thanks again,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 1:29 p.m.
To: Lachlan Brown
Subject: question 3

We believe the first median barriers were installed on the Auckland Motorway network around the mid 1950's. These were install where the lanes where the opposing lanes were at different heights and there was a drop-off across the median.

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From: [Claudette Herselman](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Cc: [SD&D Ministerial Services](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for Kevin's approval and signature - due today
Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2018 2:45:36 p.m.
Attachments: [14-43-54-770_07-02-2018.pdf](#)

Hi Lachlan,

Attached please find the approved letter from Kevin.

Claudette

From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Wednesday, 7 February 2018 10:07 a.m.
To: Claudette Herselman
Cc: SD&D Ministerial Services
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for Kevin's approval and signature - due today
Importance: High

Hi Claudette,

OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix has been approved at all levels and is now ready for Kevin's approval and signature:

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Re OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

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RE OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for legal review/advice

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Could you please let me know when he has signed the response so I can get it dispatched?

Many thanks!

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: [Lachlan Brown](#)
To: [Kevin Reid](#)
Cc: [Claudette Herselman](#); [SD&D Ministerial Services](#)
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for Kevin's approval and signature - due today
Date: Wednesday, 7 February 2018 12:41:00 p.m.
Importance: High

Hi Kevin,

I'm not sure if Claudette has already passed this on to you but I just wanted to follow up to ensure you have had some time to look at the response below.

Please let me know if you have any concerns, and if not, let me know when you have signed the response.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: Tony Frost
To: [Lachlan Brown](#); [Sharnae Taylor](#)
Cc: [Leisa Coley](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for dispatch 7/2
Date: Monday, 5 February 2018 5:55:48 p.m.

Hello Lachlan

This office has no comment on this OIA.

Regards

Tony Frost

Private Secretary | Office of Hon Julie Anne Genter | Associate Minister of Transport

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From: Lachlan Brown [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, 5 February 2018 2:08 PM
To: Sharnae Taylor <[REDACTED]>; Tony Frost <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Leisa Coley <[REDACTED]>
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for dispatch 7/2

Good afternoon Sharnae and Tony,

As discussed last week, please find attached a copy of the request, refinement, extension notification, response and memo for OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix.

The response is due out on or before 7 February 2018. Please accept my apologies for the delay.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: Sharnae Taylor
To: [Lachlan Brown](#); [Tony Frost \(NZ Govt\)](#)
Cc: [Leisa Coley](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for dispatch 7/2
Date: Monday, 5 February 2018 5:43:35 p.m.

Hi Lachlan,

No concerns from this Office.

Cheers,
Sharnae

Sharnae Taylor

Private Secretary – Transport

Office of Hon Phil Twyford | Minister of Transport

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From: [Leisa Coley](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 Apology
Date: Monday, 5 February 2018 1:27:00 p.m.

Yes that is all good Lachlan!

From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Monday, 5 February 2018 1:00 p.m.
To: Leisa Coley
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 Apology
Importance: High

Hi Leisa,

This response has come back from RF with a suggestion to add an apology, considering we extended and are now refusing. I have added the below into the response (attached):

"I would like to apologise on behalf of the Transport Agency for the delay in responding to you. At the time of extending the request, the Transport Agency believed that the information requested could be extracted within a reasonable timeframe."

Are you happy with this comment? Just want to confirm it before I send it to the MO/AMO.

Many thanks ☺

Lachlan

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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Thursday, 1 February 2018 3:00 p.m.
To: Leisa Coley
Cc: Helen Holloway
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for urgent review - to RF today, dispatch 7/12
Importance: High

Hi Leisa,

Please find attached the documents for OIA-3396. This one has been difficult but the memo should provide some good context to why we've decided to refuse this request. Legal has supported this decision (attached).

I'm hoping to get this to Robyn ASAP as it is due out on the 7th and a copy still needs to be passed on to the MO/AMO (They have been informed of the delay).

Let me know if you have any comments.

Many thanks 😊

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: [Robyn Fisher](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for review - MO/AMO 2/2, due 7/2
Date: Sunday, 4 February 2018 12:47:33 p.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

Hi Lachlan

A couple of points to discuss on this one tomorrow – just clarifications.

Cheers

Robyn

Robyn Fisher /Strategic Advisor
Chief Executive's Office

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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Thursday, 1 February 2018 5:04 p.m.
To: Robyn Fisher
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for review - MO/AMO 2/2, due 7/2

Sorry, forgot to provide evidence of legal advice:

RE OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for legal review/advice
<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/30325358>

Cheers,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Thursday, 1 February 2018 5:01 p.m.

To: Robyn Fisher
Cc: Leisa Coley
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for review - MO/AMO 2/2, due 7/2

Hi Robyn,

Please see the links below for OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix:

OIA-3396 Draft response.docx

<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/30305816>

OIA-3396 Memo.docx

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Re OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/29266015>

The process has been quite complex but the memo should provide good insight into our decision-making process.

Please let me know if you have any comments. The response is due out 7/2 and a copy will be provided to the MO/AMO tomorrow 2 Feb.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: [Lachlan Brown](#)
To: [Andrew Knackstedt](#)
Cc: [Leisa Coley](#)
Subject: OIA-3396 - for media review/oversight - to MO/AMO 2/2, due 7/2
Date: Thursday, 1 February 2018 5:09:00 p.m.

Hi Andy,

We have received a request from John-Michael Swannix, of MediaWorks, for information on retro-fitted median barriers.

We are refusing the request under s18(f) substantial collusion. The memo will provide in depth context.

Would you mind taking a quick look and letting me know if you have any concerns?

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Leisa has suggested possibly contacting the requester to inform them of the background and current NZTA decision, given that we have refined and extended but ultimately refused. Would this be something you would consider doing?

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: [Leisa Coley](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Cc: [Helen Holloway](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for urgent review - to RF today, dispatch 7/12
Date: Thursday, 1 February 2018 3:42:28 p.m.

Approved – eek has Andy been across this as well? I wonder if it would be good to have Andy contact him prior to our issuing of this.

Leisa

From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Thursday, 1 February 2018 3:00 p.m.
To: Leisa Coley
Cc: Helen Holloway
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for urgent review - to RF today, dispatch 7/12
Importance: High

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Let me know if you have any comments.

Many thanks ☺

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: Alan Malthus
To: Lachlan Brown; Jessica Andrew
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for legal review/advice
Date: Thursday, 1 February 2018 12:13:10 p.m.

Hi Lachlan,



Alan Malthus
Principal Legislative Counsel
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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Thursday, 1 February 2018 11:06 a.m.
To: Alan Malthus; Jessica Andrew
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for legal review/advice
Importance: High

Hi Alan and Jess,

Hoping to get some advice on a refusal under substantial collation.

Last year we received an OIA request for:

To date (as of 20 Nov, 2017), what is the total cost of installing median barriers around New Zealand? Please provide a breakdown of locations of roads where median barriers have been installed.

What is the projected total cost (estimate) of construction of further median barriers along other stretches of road in New Zealand.

We contacted the requester and refined the request to:

For the last 15 years to date (as of 20 Nov, 2017), what is the total cost of retrofitted median barriers around New Zealand? Please provide a breakdown of locations of roads where retrofitted median barriers have been installed.

What is the projected total cost (estimate) of construction of further median barriers along other stretches of roads in New Zealand, for the next five years?

However, I'd also like to know: When, where and (if possible) why were the first median barriers installed in New Zealand?

At the time of the refinement, the business believed information could be found and provided. As such, we extended the deadline by 20 working days in order to collate the information.

However, after further investigation, it appears that the costs of barriers alone cannot be extracted from the general contract costs without a significant amount of collation. An engineer from each individual project would need to look through all archived information on the project and isolate the costs of the barriers. As it stands, we have some information (attached) on the total costs of projects – most of which are already publicly available. The rest is just general recall from engineers.

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Any urgency would be appreciated as the final response is due out on 7 Feb.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: Sharnae Taylor
To: [Lachlan Brown](#); [Tony Frost \(NZ Govt\)](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for dispatch 7/2
Date: Thursday, 1 February 2018 12:12:35 p.m.

Thanks for the update, Lachlan.

Cheers,
Sharnae

Sharnae Taylor

Private Secretary – Transport

Office of Hon Phil Twyford | Minister of Transport

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From: Lachlan Brown [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, 1 February 2018 12:11 PM
To: Tony Frost <[REDACTED]>; Sharnae Taylor <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for dispatch 7/2

Good afternoon Tony and Sharnae,

Just a quick email to inform you that we are expecting to get a copy of the OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix documents to you by close of play Friday, 2 February. The final response is due out on 7 February.

Please accept my apologies for the delay.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: [Helen Holloway](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for legal review/advice
Date: Thursday, 1 February 2018 10:42:19 a.m.

No changes – I would just add in a sentence about whether we could refuse as the information doesn't exist.

Kind regards,
Helen

Helen Holloway / Team Leader

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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Thursday, 1 February 2018 10:41 a.m.
To: Helen Holloway
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - for legal review/advice

Possible email to legal below for your review 😊

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From: [Helen Holloway](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - draft response and memo for your urgent review
Date: Thursday, 1 February 2018 9:27:38 a.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Looks good – added in a sentence. Can you send to Alan, and maybe Jess for their review please?

Kind regards,
Helen

Helen Holloway / Team Leader

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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 5:03 p.m.
To: Helen Holloway
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - draft response and memo for your urgent review

Hi Helen,

See Fergus' response below – does his statement regarding finding the information change our refusal grounds?

I will get an email prepared to send to Alan and Andrew tomorrow morning.

Cheers ☺

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 4:36 p.m.
To: Lachlan Brown
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - draft response and memo for your urgent review

Hi Lachlan

I have suggested one change to the proposed memo. That is changing from contractor to engineer. We would need to go to each engineer (which we have done) and they would need to go back through archives and contract documents and even then we might need to go to the contractors to split out costs

Also I am not sure we could actually find all the information Mr Swannix is after even if it did not interfere with our business

A lot of what has been requested

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Lead Safety Advisor (Roads and Roadsides)
System Design and Delivery

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From: Lachlan Brown

Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 4:20 p.m.

To: Fergus Tate

Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - draft response and memo for your urgent review

Importance: High

Hi Fergus,

I've drafted up a response and memo for this OIA. The memo should give some good context behind the reasoning to refuse the request.

Could you please take an urgent look at the documents below and let me know if they make sense to you/you agree with our decision? This will then need to go to Legal for review before the CE's Office and will be seen by the Associate Minister and Minister's Offices. The response is due out on 7 Feb so if you could get back to me by tonight/first thing tomorrow morning that would be greatly appreciated.

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Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: [Helen Holloway](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix (median barriers) - for review ASAP, dispatch 7/2
Date: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 3:53:03 p.m.

Tracked changes in the Memo. Amended letter below.

Send to Fergus for a review, due back to us COB tonight please. Then let's get legal review.

Thank you for your email clarification of 6 December 2017 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

For the last 15 years to date (as of 20 Nov, 2017), what is the total cost of retrofitted median barriers around New Zealand? Please provide a breakdown of locations of roads where retrofitted median barriers have been installed.

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I will respond to your questions below in the order they have been asked.

Your request for the total cost of retrofitted median barriers for the last 15 years has been refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. While the total costs of projects where median barriers have been installed are available, the extraction of information on the specific costs of these median barriers would have an unreasonable impact on the Transport Agency's ability to carry out its other operations.

Your request for projected cost estimates of construction for median barriers has also been refused under section 18(f) of the Act, as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Again, while estimated total project costs are available, information on the specific construction costs of median barriers would require substantial collation and consultation that cannot be performed without interfering with the Transport Agency's other operations.

The Transport Agency is investigating safety improvements over a number of corridors, which may include the installation of median barriers. No further estimates can be provided on the cost of median barriers for these improvements until the Transport Agency has calculated the necessity and work required to install barriers. More information on these projects can be found at: www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/our-vision-vision-of-a-safe-road-system/safe-roads/safe-roads-projects/.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to apply to an Ombudsman for an investigation and review of the decision to refuse the information requested. The website can be accessed at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this further with the Transport Agency, please contact Fergus

Tate, lead Safety Advisor, Roads and Roadsides, at fergus.tate@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 896 6496.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Reid
Senior Manager, Operational Policy, Planning and Performance

Kind regards,
Helen

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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 3:01 p.m.
To: Helen Holloway
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix (median barriers) - for review ASAP, dispatch 7/2
Importance: High

Hi Helen,

This is the one we discussed earlier today regarding median barriers. I have drafted a response and memo for your review. If you're happy with it, I will pass it on to Fergus Tate and Alan/Andrew from Legal ASAP.

OIA-3396 Draft response.docx
<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/30305816>

OIA-3396 Memo.docx
<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/30308603>

Re OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/29266015>

Many thanks ☺

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: [Fergus Tate](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: question 3
Date: Wednesday, 31 January 2018 1:28:43 p.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

We believe the first median barriers were installed on the Auckland Motorway network around the mid 1950's. These were install where the lanes where the opposing lanes were at different heights and there was a drop-off across the median.

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From: [David Scarlet](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Friday, 26 January 2018 11:56:06 a.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Fergus,

No retrofitted median barrier in Canterbury or the West Coast in the last 15 years.

Only median barrier that has been installed has been as part of improvement projects such as new motorway or widening from 2 lanes to 4 lanes.

Regards

David

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 1:30 p.m.
To: David Scarlet
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi David

I don't seem to have had a reply to this email

If you could that would be super please

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 2:28 p.m.
To: Brian Rainford; Murray Parker; Mark Newsome; Adam Francis; Michelle Te Wharau; Mark Lilley; John Garvitch; Ken Holst; Dan Tate; Steve James; Tony Spowart; David Scarlet; Roy Johnston
Cc: Julian Chisnall; Colin Brodie
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

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From: [Fergus Tate](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Cc: [Mike Pilgrim](#)
Subject: RE: Median barrier OIA
Date: Friday, 26 January 2018 11:02:00 a.m.

Hi Lachlan

This is still a mess and I have asked the boys for more info but haven't received anything else yet.

A summary of what I have is

Northland

SH1 Brynderwyn Hills realignment and safe system demonstration project (4.64km) was opened May/June this year but this was associated with a realignment rather than a retrofit. The cost of the project was \$18.5M and the median wire rope component was approx \$4M

Auckland

No retrofit all recent median barriers part of larger projects

Bay of Plenty

Bethlehem to Waihi Overbridge 2013 pre dates infoHub so we cannot find the costs

Maungatapu Median Barrier 2015/16 \$934,130.35

Sargent Drive to Wainui South Rd 2016 \$298,890

Waikato

SH1 Rangiriri to Longswamp Safety Improvements (Waikato Region) installed in 2005 at a construction cost of \$4,209,649.99

SH2 Heaven Double Passing Lane (Waikato Region) installed in 2006 at a construction cost of \$2,430,000.00.

SH3 10/1.27 to 1.59. 2016/17 Original project cost estimate \$101,000.

SH3/16/3.14 to 3.91. 2016/17 Original project cost estimate \$264,000.

Hawkes Bay

No retrofitted median barrier in the last 15 years

Taranaki Whanganui Manawatu

Vickers to City 540m 2016/17 \$405,000

Wellington (including Wairarapa)

Centennial Highway 2005/06 \$15.5M

River Road 2011 \$2.4M

Moonshine Hill Rd (off the bridge past the intersection) \$unknown, Probably a similar cost to the extension below

Moonshine Hill Road to Whakatiki St 2008/09 (Moonshine Hill Rd extension) - \$200K

SH58 Curves - SH58 Haywards Hill Cost unknown 2003. Probably similar to first length of Centennial

Highway which would be about \$1M
SH58 Mt Cecil to lanes Flat, 2016 , awaiting costs

Nelson Marlborough
No retro fit median barrier

Canterbury
No response

West Coast
No response

Otago Southland
Only median barrier has been part of a large bypass project

In terms for work going forwards

1) what are the projects (and costs) committed under Safe Roads that currently propose Median Barrier?

SH1 Dome Valley

- Status – Pre Imp
- Cost \$30M
- Project to be delivered through northland Framework panel - so at mercy of panel timeframes. Good community support for project - could advance some sections easily?

SH1 Weld Pass (south of Blenheim)

- Status – still in Business Case
- Cost \$31.5M
- Involves lots of realignment – so little (or no?) opportunity to accelerate median barrier

SH50 Hawkes Bay Expressway

- Status – Pre-Implementation
- Cost \$9.9M
- Should be straight forward – working through maintenance issues now

SH5 Tarukenga to Ngongotaha

- Status – Still in BC, but closing out soon
- Cost \$9.7M
- Concerns around level of investment from initial IQA. Median barrier proposed though long passing lane

SH74 Marshlands to Burwood

- Status – Pre-Implementation
- Cost \$2.8M
- Relatively short length – peri-urban environment

SH1 Ashley to Belfast

- Status – Business Case, looking to complete in May 2018
- Cost \$20M
- Relatively short length of median barrier at southern end of project (closer to Chch where higher volume)

In addition to the the projects that have been included in the values stated here, the NZ Transport Agency is investigating safety improvements over a number of corridors where installing a median barrier may be an option. Until we can confirm if a median barrier is appropriate, and the amount of work required to install these barriers, we are unable to provide an estimate. A majority of these projects are being developed through a joint NZ Transport Agency/ Beca/ BBO and Northern Civil project team, a list of projects and sites under consideration can be found at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/safety/our-vision-vision-of-a-safe-road-system/safe-roads>

From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 12:53 p.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Subject: RE: Median barrier OIA

Hi Fergus,

Just following up on where we left off with this one. After refining the request, Mr Swannix is asking for:

2. *For the last 15 years to date (as of 20 Nov, 2017), what is the total cost of retrofitted median barriers around New Zealand? Please provide a breakdown of locations of roads where retrofitted median barriers have been installed.*
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From what I can see below – we have a limited amount of information available for future costs. Do we have any further update on the cost of barriers over the last 15 years?

Forgive me if I've missed some information – I'm just looking to collate the information so we can make our next move.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2017 2:31 p.m.
To: Lachlan Brown
Subject: FW: Median barrier OIA

Details on future median barrier works on SR projects.

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| Project | Project Cost | % for median Barrier (estimate) | Median Barrier cost | Phase |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| SH1 Dome Valley | \$30M | 100 | \$30M | Pre Imp |
| SH1 Weld Pass | \$31.5M | 10 | \$3.15M | DBC |
| SH 50 HB Expressway | \$9.9M | 100 | \$9.9M | Pre-Imp |
| SH5 Tarukenga to Ngongotaha | \$9.7M | 0 | 0 | DBC |
| SH74 Marshalands to Burwood | \$2.8M | | \$2.8 | Pre-Imp |
| SH1 Ashley to Belfast | \$20M | | \$10 | IBC(?) |
| Total | | | \$45.95M | |

Notes If we have future proofed but not installed, then this has not been included as we have made a decision not to install at this time

If we think we should be doing a median barrier but can not get agreement, then again, we are not installing so these are not included.

If we do not have a strategic case or the project is in the 'here's one we need to look at' such as the proposed median barrier programme then this is not include. We know from past experience on Safe Roads projects that we have been unable to build median barriers so to include these wish list projects in an OIA response seems disingenuous

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Further, the NZ Transport Agency is considering implementing a programme of works that would specifically install median barriers only, however this work is at a very high level concept stage at this time.

From: [Fergus Tate](#)
To: [Mike Pilgrim](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 1:17:00 p.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Yea please as I am being chased by OCU

From: Mike Pilgrim
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 1:16 p.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

No I didn't, I'll chase Chis

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Wednesday, 24 January 2018 1:15 p.m.
To: Mike Pilgrim
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi Mike

Did you ever hear back about these (SH58)

From: Mike Pilgrim
Sent: Wednesday, 13 December 2017 9:59 a.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi Ferg

Here's what I have at the moment

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SH58 Mt Cecil to lanes Flat, to be constructed, emailed PM for a cost

I'm still working on the future lengths for Safe Roads projects

Mike

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 8:57 a.m.
To: Mike Pilgrim
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi Mike

I sent this to Steve last week and have heard nothing. I went to send a reminder today and find he has gone on leave

Are you able to help

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 2:28 p.m.
To: Brian Rainford; Murray Parker; Mark Newsome; Adam Francis; Michelle Te Wharau; Mark Lilley; John Garvitch; Ken Holst; Dan Tate; Steve James; Tony Spowart; David Scarlet; Roy Johnston
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From: Sharnae Taylor
To: [Lachlan Brown](#); [Tony Frost \(NZ Govt\)](#)
Cc: [Leisa Coley](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix
Date: Tuesday, 19 December 2017 11:26:16 a.m.

Thank you for the update.

Sharnae Taylor

Private Secretary – Transport

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From: Lachlan Brown [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, 19 December 2017 11:11 AM
To: Sharnae Taylor <[REDACTED]>; Tony Frost <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Leisa Coley <[REDACTED]>
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix

Good morning Sharnae and Tony,

Just letting you know that OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix has been extended by 15 working days. The new deadline for response is 7 February 2018.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: Tony Frost
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix
Date: Tuesday, 19 December 2017 11:29:15 a.m.

Thank you.

Regards

Tony Frost

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From: [Official Correspondence](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 Extension
Date: Monday, 18 December 2017 4:47:05 p.m.

Done 😊

Cheers
Prisca

From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2017 4:44 p.m.
To: Official Correspondence
Subject: OIA-3396 Extension

Hey Prisca,

Could you dispatch this one for me please?

Email address is johnmichaelswannix@media.works.co.nz

OIA-3396 EXTENSION.pdf

<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/29495414>

Many thanks 😊

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: [Helen Holloway](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - extension letter for review
Date: Monday, 18 December 2017 3:06:17 p.m.

Done – amended date :)

Kind regards,
Helen

Helen Holloway / Team Leader

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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2017 12:39 p.m.
To: Helen Holloway
Subject: OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix - extension letter for review

Hi Helen,

Please see below the draft extension letter for OIA-3396 John-Michael Swannix:

OIA-3396 Extension letter.docx

<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/29481732>

I've gone for a 15 day extension to give time to consult and collate the information we have so far, as well as search for any other information we haven't found yet.

I calculated the new deadline to be 29 January 2018 but if you wouldn't mind double-checking this for me that'd be appreciated!

Let me know if you have any comments 😊

Many thanks,

Lachlan

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From: Lachlan Brown
To: Rosalene Foo; Fiona Buckner; [REDACTED]
Cc: Bob Alkema
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 funding information on retro-fitted median barriers
Date: Friday, 15 December 2017 5:01:00 p.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
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Hi Rosalene,

Thanks for the response. This one has already been to Fergus Tate and he has provided some information – I was just checking in to see if we might hold any additional financial information that could be useful.

Apologies, I should have explained that better. If you come across anything please let me know.

Many thanks and have a great weekend,

Lachlan

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From: Rosalene Foo
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2017 4:47 p.m.
To: Fiona Buckner; [REDACTED]; Lachlan Brown
Cc: Bob Alkema
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 funding information on retro-fitted median barriers

Hi

I have taken advice from Bob Alkema. He advises that Question 2 would be for SDD. Question 3 - SDD, Safety & Environment and Fergus Tate and Colin Brodie.

Kind regards

Rosalene Foo

PA to Senior Manager Investment Assurance – Bob Alkema
PA to Senior Manager Financial Operations – Fiona Buckner
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Sent: Friday, 15 December 2017 4:27 p.m.
To: Bob Alkema; [REDACTED]
Cc: Rosalene Foo
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 funding information on retro-fitted median barriers

Hi there

Can you please share your views on whether question 2 & 3 below would be I&F, and if not who may have this information.

Sorry, but we do seem to have a flurry of questions at the moment.

Thanks, Fiona

From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2017 4:09 p.m.
To: Fiona Buckner
Subject: OIA-3396 funding information on retro-fitted median barriers

Hi Fiona,

I'm not quite sure who to contact about this so my apologies if this doesn't apply to you.

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The business has provided some information on this – it is quite difficult to find given the large timeframe but we have some.

I just wanted to check and see if I&F may hold any information on the cost of retrofitted median barriers around NZ? As it stands, we are not entirely confident on the accuracy of the information as some of it appears to be estimated.

Any urgency would be appreciated as we are trying to determine how to respond to this request.

Feel free to give me a call for further information.

Many thanks!

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: [SD&D Ministerial Services](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Cc: [SD&D Ministerial Services](#); [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - (formerly MIN-2599) - John-Michael Swannix - for draft reply
Date: Friday, 15 December 2017 3:45:45 p.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
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Hi Lachlan

I see there's no "RESPONSE" e-mail in the InfoHub folder for OIA-3396 at:

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func=ll&objId=29065724&objAction=browse&sort=name&viewType=1](https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll?func=ll&objId=29065724&objAction=browse&sort=name&viewType=1)

However, I note you've asked the requester to refine their request. Just wondering if any further action is required from SD&D for OIA-3396.

Regards,

Geraldine Christmas BA(Hons), PhD / Ministerial Services Co-ordinator
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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Monday, 27 November 2017 12:01 p.m.
To: SD&D Ministerial Services; Fergus Tate
Cc: Official Correspondence
Subject: OIA-3396 - (formerly MIN-2599) - Swannix - MoT input - for draft reply as OIA-3396 - Swannix

Hi Geraldine and Fergus,

After reading Fergus' questions again, I will likely go back to the requester and ask them to refine their request. As it stands, I think the timeframes are too ambiguous for us to answer correctly.

I will keep you both informed as to when I refine the scope with the requester.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

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From: SD&D Ministerial Services
Sent: Monday, 27 November 2017 11:48 a.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Cc: Lachlan Brown; Priscilia Gain; SD&D Ministerial Services
Subject: RE: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT input - for draft reply as OIA-3396 - Swannix

Hi Fergus

Just keeping this original MIN-2599 e-mail trail (below) which, as Prisca advised on Friday, has become OIA-3396 – Swannix. I talked to you about this on Friday.

You would have just received the “official” e-mail from Maddy today. Do let me know if you have any questions etc.

Kindest regards,

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From: SD&D Ministerial Services
Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 3:31 p.m.
To: SD&D Ministerial Services; Fergus Tate
Cc: Lachlan Brown; Priscilia Gain
Subject: RE: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT for input - for draft reply as an OIA request

Hi Fergus

I've just seen your other e-mail as follows: you say the information required is not something we hold centrally and that you will need to go to each of the safety engineers

which will take some time.

However, before you go to the safety engineers you need a bit more information:

1. *Are we talking about only where we have retrofitted a median barrier or are we to include the RoNs - we can't actually do the latter because the barrier is likely to be include within the contract price*
2. *While the requestor say up until 20 Nov, what is the start date of the analysis is it within the last year, two years, 5, or 10 years. Obviously the longer the period the more difficult and time consuming and less reliable this will be*
3. *Going forward what is the time period for the projected costs*
4. *Our information, where it is available will only relate to state highways*

I appreciate you need the answer to the above before you can start. I will come and see you shortly; there's something in the Official Information Act regarding requests which require "substantial collation of documentation..."

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Hi Fergus

Priscilia Gain from Ministerial Services has just advised this MIN query will be logged as an OIA request, which will now require a formal response as opposed to input.

So an "official" OIA request e-mail from Ministerial Services, with deadline dates etc., will be coming shortly. Also, in my previous e-mail I'd accidentally omitted a question, so SD&D needs to provide a response on two (not one) of John-Michael Swannix's questions as follows:

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Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 2:50 p.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Cc: SD&D Ministerial Services; Lachlan Brown
Subject: FW: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT for input - for draft reply

Hi Fergus

Would you be able to provide ~~input~~ to this Ministerial query (MIN-2599) regarding an OIA request made to the Ministry of Transport. ~~NB: we just require input as opposed to drafting a formal letter, so paragraphs in an e-mail reply will be OK.~~

Background:

John-Michael Swannix, a journalist from Mediaworks, has submitted an OIA request to the Ministry of Transport with various questions. We're seeking SD&D input to this specific question as follows: "2. *To date (as of 20 Nov, 2017), what is the total cost of installing median barriers around New Zealand? Please provide a breakdown of locations of roads where median barriers have been installed.*"

Please refer to the e-mail below for the link to the InfoHub folder. Alternatively, if this Ministerial query needs to be directed to someone else, please let me know.

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Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 2:36 p.m.
To: SD&D Ministerial Services
Cc: Lachlan Brown; Vanessa Browne; Helen Holloway; Leisa Coley
Subject: MIN-2599 - Swannix -MoT for input - for draft reply

Hi team,

Please see the below request from the MoT

[https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll?
func=ll&objId=29069633&objAction=browse&viewType=1](https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll?func=ll&objId=29069633&objAction=browse&viewType=1)

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| Deadline to MS (with tier 4 approval) | 28/11/17 |
| Deadline to CE's Office | 29/11/17 |
| Final deadline to the MoT | 30/11/17 |

MS Advisor Lachlan Brown

When the draft reply is ready and saved in the above link, please email MS to advise.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MS Advisor.

Thanks

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Fergus Tate
Cc: Mark Owen; Steve James; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Friday, 15 December 2017 1:24:23 p.m.
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[Centre Barriers.xlsx](#)

Hi Fergus

Further to my email earlier in the week (below), I have not got all of the RAMM data together in the attached file.

As previously mentioned, as these are all capital projects, it is unlikely that we will be able to assist with identifying the cost of each installation. For those that were constructed by Fulton Hogan, it may be possible to get some cost information from their archives, however that is likely to take some time.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the data.

Regards

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[REDACTED] – Network Manager

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From: [REDACTED] - Capital Journeys
Sent: 12 December 2017 16:42
To: Fergus Tate
Cc: Mark Owen; Steve James; COURTNAGE, Daren
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi Fergus

We have got some data from RAMM that we are currently reviewing, but it all relates to capital projects. There are no sections of new media barriers that have been installed under maintenance activities that we are aware of.

While we keep looking at the information, can you please confirm for us that the question relates to new sections of median barrier that have been installed where there was previously an undivided carriageway (i.e. the scour site on SH58).

Many thanks

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[REDACTED] - Network Manager | Deputy Contract Manager

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From: Steve James [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Friday, 8 December 2017 6:48 a.m.

To: [REDACTED] - Capital Journeys <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Mark Owen <Mark.Owen@nzta.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see below. We have a request to identify where we have retrofitted median barriers, such as SH58 Haywards, SH2 River Road, together with estimated costs. Would you be able to check through CJ and FH records to see what has been done in the past 15 years and report back to Fergus early next week.

Many thanks

Steve

From: Fergus Tate

Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 2:28 p.m.

To: Brian Rainford; Murray Parker; Mark Newsome; Adam Francis; Michelle Te Wharau; Mark Lilley; John Garvitch; Ken Holst; Dan Tate; Steve James; Tony Spowart; David Scarlet; Roy Johnston

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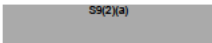
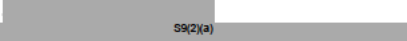

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Date: Friday, 15 December 2017 11:21:13 a.m.
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
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More from my 1973 NRB publication 'Auckland Motorways

1. A photo clearly shows the SH1 St Mary's Bay dual w section barrier in prior to 1973 and further south was the differential height with cribwall had a barrier on the top facing northbound traffic (no barrier on the lower level of the cribwall however)
2. No other sections of the motorway in this publication showed barriers but the Victoria Park viaduct would have had barriers from day 1 in April 1062.

cheers

Brian Rainford
Principal Traffic & Safety Engineer
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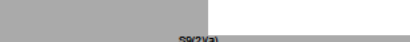
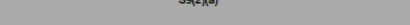
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Hi Fergus

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Your local historians report

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I'm not sure when the 1st section of median barrier in NZ was. The 1st ever section of the Auckland southern motorway (Ellerslie to Mt Wellington 3.2km) which opened in July 1953 with 4 lanes had a kerbed median with grass and planting.

Sorry

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From: [Lachlan Brown](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - Possible refusal of information
Date: Thursday, 14 December 2017 3:32:00 p.m.

Hi Fergus,

See below – Give me a call tomorrow (I'm out of the office in a few minutes) and we can discuss the partial information for part 1.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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To: Lachlan Brown
Cc: Helen Holloway
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - Possible refusal of information

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Hi Alan,

Thanks for the quick response.



Thanks again,

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Date: Thursday, 14 December 2017 1:07:48 p.m.

Afternoon Fergus,

Please see Legal's advice below – would you be able to give an estimate on how long it would take to locate the 15 years' worth of information? If not, we could possibly argue that the information doesn't exist.

Regarding point 2 – I believe we mentioned that we can work out the projected cost – and I'm just waiting to hear from you whether this information is easily accessible.

If you could let me know ASAP that'd be appreciated – if we need to refuse or extend we need to finalise it today.

Many thanks,

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To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Wednesday, 13 December 2017 12:25:31 p.m.
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Vickers to City

Centre Barriers associated with the two bridges on the route.
About 540m at \$750.00 per m (W-Section). Total about \$405,000

Bell Block Bypass (fully new alignment)

Centre WRB
3km total, but I cannot find the cost in infohub. I estimate - \$2,250,000 based on \$750 per m.

Dan

From: Dan Tate
Sent: Monday, 11 December 2017 10:09 a.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi Fergus

Most median barriers are not retrofitted, rather part of a new alignment.

Considering where there are median barriers, I think we have only the following:

- Vickers to City median (New Plymouth)
- Vickers north median barriers (New Plymouth)
- Bell Block bypass barriers (NOT retrofitted, part of a new alignment)

So it would be just the first two?

Dan

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Some more detail on location. Cost was part of the wider SWIPP projects which converted 4 lane sections to 2+1.

SWIPP WWAS-2 Extent of wire rope centre barrier : SH3/10/1.27 to 1.59. Original project cost estimate \$101,000.

SWIPP WWAS-33 Extent of wire rope centre barrier : SH3/16/3.14 to 3.91. Original project cost estimate \$264,000.

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Date: Wednesday, 13 December 2017 11:32:04 a.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Fergus

There are the two sites in the Waikato Region below, and I understand John has already emailed you about another site on SH3. Because these projects were constructed over 10 years ago, I have had difficulty finding out the costs, and I have provided the awarded contract price from our website:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/tenders-and-contracts/contracts/report?status=Awarded>

SH1 Rangiriri to Longswamp Safety Improvements (Waikato Region) installed in 2005 at a construction cost of \$4,209,649.99

SH2 Heaven Double Passing Lane (Waikato Region) installed in 2006 at a construction cost of \$2,430,000.00.

Regards
Mark

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 2:28 p.m.
To: [Brian Rainford](#); [Murray Parker](#); [Mark Newsome](#); [Adam Francis](#); [Michelle Te Wharau](#); [Mark Lilley](#); [John Garvitch](#); [Ken Holst](#); [Dan Tate](#); [Steve James](#); [Tony Spowart](#); [David Scarlet](#); [Roy Johnston](#)
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From: [Mike Pilgrim](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Wednesday, 13 December 2017 9:58:51 a.m.
Attachments: [image005.jpg](#)

Hi Ferg

Here's what I have at the moment

Centennial Highway \$15.5M

River Road \$2.4M

Moonshine Hill Rd (off the bridge past the intersection) \$unknown, built by Stanley?, Probably a similar cost to the extension below

Moonshine Hill Road to Whakatiki St (Moonshine Hill Rd extension) - \$200K

SH58 Curves - Cost unknown, could go to FH or request contract file but will take time. Probably similar to fist length of Centennial Highway which would be about \$1M

SH58 Mt Cecil to lanes Flat, to be constructed, emailed PM for a cost

I'm still working on the future lengths for Safe Roads projects

Mike

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 8:57 a.m.
To: Mike Pilgrim
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Hi Mike

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From: [Fabian Marsh](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Cc: [Mike Pilgrim](#); [David Van Staden](#)
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Wednesday, 13 December 2017 10:43:54 a.m.
Attachments: [image005.jpg](#)
[RE OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST.msg](#)
[FW New Strategic Cases - those which can proceed.msg](#)
[RE Ambitious High Risk Rural Roads Median Barrier programme..msg](#)

Hi Fergus,

The information relating to Safe Roads median barrier projects is contained within the attached three emails. Mike is currently collating this information for you as follows:

- Create tables with list of project name, project length, total cost, and ESTIMATED median barrier component (based on \$2M - \$2.5M / km);
- Creating 3 tables: one for projects currently committed (well into development), second for proposed new strategic cases, and third is a summary of Colin's proposed ambitious programme, noting that some of this could include Safe Roads Projects

I understand Mike is working with you on a number of urgent matters and he has assured that he will provide the above asap.

Regards,

Fabian

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 8:55 a.m.
To: Fabian Marsh
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Cc: [Mark Owen](#); [Steve James](#); [Daren Courtnege \(Fulton Hogan\)](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 4:43:12 p.m.
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
Importance: High

Hi Fergus

We have got some data from RAMM that we are currently reviewing, but it all relates to capital projects. There are no sections of new media barriers that have been installed under maintenance activities that we are aware of.

While we keep looking at the information, can you please confirm for us that the question relates to new sections of median barrier that have been installed where there was previously an undivided carriageway (i.e. the scour site on SH58).

Many thanks



[REDACTED] – Network Manager | Deputy Contract Manager

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From: Steve James [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, 8 December 2017 6:48 a.m.
To: [REDACTED] - Capital Journeys <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Mark Owen <[REDACTED]>
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi David,

Please see below. We have a request to identify where we have retrofitted median barriers, such as SH58 Haywards, SH2 River Road, together with estimated costs. Would you be able to check through CJ and FH records to see what has been done in the past 15 years and report back to Fergus early next week.

Many thanks

Steve

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From: [Lachlan Brown](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: OIA-3396 - Swannix - refinement/information update
Date: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 2:44:00 p.m.
Attachments: [FW OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST.msg](#)
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[image003.jpg](#)
[image004.jpg](#)
[image005.jpg](#)
Importance: High

Hi Fergus,

Have you had any update from the contractors? Happy to discuss an extension with my manager if you have any more information.

Many thanks,

Lachlan

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From: Lachlan Brown
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 1:03 p.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Cc: SD&D Ministerial Services
Subject: RE: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT for input - for draft reply
Importance: High

Hi Fergus,

We have received a refinement from the requester as per your email below.

Could you please let me know if this is enough information for you to work with? Additionally, could you please provide a timeframe of how long you think it will take you to prepare a draft response?

Many thanks,

Lachlan

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From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 3:21 p.m.
To: SD&D Ministerial Services; Lachlan Brown
Subject: RE: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT for input - for draft reply

Hi Geraldine

The information required is not something which we hold centrally and I will need to go to each of the safety engineers which will take some time

However, before I go to the safety engineers I need a bit more information:

1. Are we talking about only where we have retrofitted a median barrier or are we to include the RoNs -we can't actually do the latter because the barrier is likely to be include within the contract price
2. While the requestor say up until 20 Nov what is the start date of the analysis is it within the last year, two years, 5, or 10 years. Obviously the longer the period the more difficult and time consuming and less reliable this will be
3. Going forward what is the time period for the projected costs
4. Our information, where it is available will only relate to state highways

I really need the answer to the above before I can start

From: SD&D Ministerial Services
Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 2:50 p.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Cc: SD&D Ministerial Services; Lachlan Brown
Subject: FW: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT for input - for draft reply

Hi Fergus

Would you be able to provide input to this Ministerial query (MIN-2599) regarding an OIA request made to the Ministry of Transport. NB: we just require *input* as opposed to drafting a formal letter, so paragraphs in an e-mail reply will be OK.

Background:

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Please refer to the e-mail below for the link to the InfoHub folder. Alternatively, if this Ministerial query needs to be directed to someone else, please let me know.

Thank you very much for your help and time!

Kindest regards,

Geraldine Christmas BA(Hons), PhD / Ministerial Services Co-ordinator
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From: Official Correspondence
Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 2:36 p.m.
To: SD&D Ministerial Services
Cc: Lachlan Brown; Vanessa Browne; Helen Holloway; Leisa Coley
Subject: MIN-2599 - Swannix -MoT for input - for draft reply

Hi team,

Please see the below request from the MoT

[https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll?
func=ll&objId=29069633&objAction=browse&viewType=1](https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll?func=ll&objId=29069633&objAction=browse&viewType=1)

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| Deadline to MS (with tier 4 approval) | 28/11/17 |
| Deadline to CE's Office | 29/11/17 |
| Final deadline to the MoT | 30/11/17 |

MS Advisor Lachlan Brown

When the draft reply is ready and saved in the above link, please email MS to advise.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MS Advisor.

Thanks

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From: [Mike Pilgrim](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 2:10:02 p.m.
Attachments: [image005.jpg](#)

Yes and no, I know where they are but not sure where to get costs from. I will make some calls/ emails

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Sent: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 8:57 a.m.
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Date: Tuesday, 12 December 2017 9:08:07 a.m.
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Hi Dave,

Fergus needs this information by tomorrow. Do you have any information that can be pulled together for question 3 below.

i.e. What is the projected total cost (estimate) of construction of further median barriers along other stretches of roads in New Zealand, for the next five years?

I suggest:

- 1) what are the projects (and costs) committed under Safe Roads?
- 2) what are the projects (and costs) projected under Safe Roads, i.e. still awaiting funding approval?
- 3) cost estimate for the ambitious median barrier programme being pulled together by Colin Brodie (I will send latest email details to Fergus)

Dave, could you please help with the first two. Perhaps we could also add projects committed where median barriers have been pulled, and could be reintroduced (unless this forms part of Colin's proposal)

Regards,

Fabian

-----Original Message-----

From: Fabian Marsh
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 2:54 p.m.
To: Mike Pilgrim; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Dave / Mike,

We have received the following from Fergus. Do you guys have / can you pull together this information for Safe Roads ?

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To: [Fabian Marsh](#)
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From: [Dan Tate](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Monday, 11 December 2017 10:08:50 a.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi Fergus

Most median barriers are not retrofitted, rather part of a new alignment.

Considering where there are median barriers, I think we have only the following:

- Vickers to City median (New Plymouth)
- Vickers north median barriers (New Plymouth)
- Bell Block bypass barriers (NOT retrofitted, part of a new alignment)

So it would be just the first two?

Dan

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To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Friday, 8 December 2017 3:00:15 p.m.
Attachments: [RE OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST.msg](#)
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Hi Fergus

I have been advised getting the cost for this is not possible. It was part of four laning this section of highway done on a lump sum basis so may not even qualify as retrofitting. I took a generous approach and send everything we have done in 15 years.

Regards
Roy

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Friday, 8 December 2017 2:19 p.m.
To: Roy Johnston
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Thanks for that Roy

Can you get me the costs please

From: Roy Johnston
Sent: Friday, 8 December 2017 2:18 p.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi Fergus

I believe the only road we have retrofitted or fitted with median barrier in the last 15 years is the SH1 Caversham Bypass RS 707 RP 0 – 1980.

Regards
Roy

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From: [Ken Holst](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Friday, 8 December 2017 8:49:07 a.m.
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

No

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Friday, 8 December 2017 8:43 a.m.
To: Ken Holst
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Thanks for that Ken

But have you had ANY median barrier installed in your area in the last 15 years

From: Ken Holst
Sent: Friday, 8 December 2017 8:35 a.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

To date no Central Median WRB installed in HB and Gis.

One to be installed within the next 6 months in a contract about to be let between Waipawa and Waipukurau. A Safe Roads Project.

Some more to be installed on HB expressway under a proposed Safe Roads project that is still in design phase.

Cost: no costs available yet, but should be less than \$100/m based on recent costs of WRB along shoulder on Marine Parade

Cheers

Ken

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 2:28 p.m.
To: Brian Rainford; Murray Parker; Mark Newsome; Adam Francis; Michelle Te Wharau; Mark Lilley; John Garvitch; Ken Holst; Dan Tate; Steve James; Tony Spowart; David Scarlet; Roy Johnston
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From: [Julian Chisnall](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Thursday, 7 December 2017 5:03:59 p.m.
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[SH58 WRB looking downhill past pump station.JPG](#)

Hi Ferg

SH1 Centennial Highway was installed in October/November 2004 (according to the post construction evaluation report I have) and SH58 Haywards was before that, so would probably be late 2003 (attached photo taken just after completion I think). We may be able to get a date from RAMM ?

As far as WRSB in median though, they were already installed on SH2 between Melling and Kennedy-Good as well as on the run up to Haywards. That was the Brifen N2 system. Again, not sure if the dates are in RAMM...

Does that help you ??

Julian Chisnall CMEngNZ ACRS AssocIESANZ / National Traffic & Safety Engineer
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To: [SD&D Ministerial Services](#)
Cc: [Fergus Tate](#)
Subject: RE: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT for input - for draft reply
Date: Thursday, 7 December 2017 10:00:21 a.m.
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Hi Maddy,

This is being considered as OIA-3396. MIN-2599 has been cancelled.

Cheers ☺

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor

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From: SD&D Ministerial Services
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Hi Lachlan

I'm just checking for our records, are we referring to this as OIA-3396 or MIN-2599? Our records state it is OIA-3396 (formerly MIN-2599).

Or are we responding to both?

Cheers

Maddy

From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 2:19 p.m.
To: Lachlan Brown
Cc: SD&D Ministerial Services
Subject: RE: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT for input - for draft reply

Hi Lachlan

I am currently in Sydney and will have a look at this when I get back on Friday BUT I have to say 15 years is a pretty long time frame and I will need to contract each regional road safety engineer who will have to go back through their contract files so this could take some time and some resource but once I back and have a chance to talk with the safety engineers I will have a better idea.

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Importance: High

Hi Fergus,

We have received a refinement from the requester as per your email below.

Could you please let me know if this is enough information for you to work with? Additionally, could you please provide a timeframe of how long you think it will take you to prepare a draft response?

Many thanks,

Lachlan

Lachlan Brown / Advisor
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From: Fergus Tate
Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 3:21 p.m.

To: SD&D Ministerial Services; Lachlan Brown
Subject: RE: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT for input - for draft reply

Hi Geraldine

The information required is not something which we hold centrally and I will need to go to each of the safety engineers which will take some time

However, before I go to the safety engineers I need a bit more information:

1. Are we talking about only where we have retrofitted a median barrier or are we to include the RoNs -we can't actually do the latter because the barrier is likely to be include within the contract price
2. While the requestor say up until 20 Nov what is the start date of the analysis is it within the last year, two years, 5, or 10 years. Obviously the longer the period the more difficult and time consuming and less reliable this will be
3. Going forward what is the time period for the projected costs
4. Our information, where it is available will only relate to state highways

I really need the answer to the above before I can start

From: SD&D Ministerial Services
Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 2:50 p.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Cc: SD&D Ministerial Services; Lachlan Brown
Subject: FW: MIN-2599 - Swannix - MoT for input - for draft reply

Hi Fergus

Would you be able to provide input to this Ministerial query (MIN-2599) regarding an OIA request made to the Ministry of Transport. NB: we just require *input* as opposed to drafting a formal letter, so paragraphs in an e-mail reply will be OK.

Background:

John-Michael Swannix, a journalist from Mediaworks, has submitted an OIA request to the Ministry of Transport with various questions. We're seeking SD&D input to this specific question as follows: *"2. To date (as of 20 Nov, 2017), what is the total cost of installing median barriers around New Zealand? Please provide a breakdown of locations of roads where median barriers have been installed."*

Please refer to the e-mail below for the link to the InfoHub folder. Alternatively, if this Ministerial query needs to be directed to someone else, please let me know.

Thank you very much for your help and time!

Kindest regards,

Geraldine Christmas BA(Hons), PhD / Ministerial Services Co-ordinator

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From: Official Correspondence
Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 2:36 p.m.
To: SD&D Ministerial Services
Cc: Lachlan Brown; Vanessa Browne; Helen Holloway; Leisa Coley
Subject: MIN-2599 - Swannix -MoT for input - for draft reply

Hi team,

Please see the below request from the MoT

[https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll?
func=ll&objId=29069633&objAction=browse&viewType=1](https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll?func=ll&objId=29069633&objAction=browse&viewType=1)

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| Deadline to MS (with tier 4 approval) | 28/11/17 |
| Deadline to CE's Office | 29/11/17 |
| Final deadline to the MoT | 30/11/17 |

MS Advisor Lachlan Brown

When the draft reply is ready and saved in the above link, please email MS to advise.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MS Advisor.

Thanks

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR

File No: 2-9A051.68
Date: 25th November 2016
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Consecutive Notice No. 21

Contractor: Waioatahi Contractors Ltd.
PO Box 382
Whakatane
ATTENTION: s9(2)(a)

Contract: 2/12-010/601 SH29 Maungatapu Safety Barrier

21. Price Adjustment

Refer to NTC20 issued 21st September 2016

Refer to Neville McGill letter dated 31st October 2016

Your proposed contract price adjustment to compensate for cost increases introduced since works were suspended on 7th March 2014 are accepted under NZS 3910:2003, clause 9.3.1. Refer attached Schedule of Prices.

Please forward updated documents for review and approval:

- Construction Programme;
- Contract Quality Plan (incorporating your Health and Safety Plan and Environmental Management Plan); and
- Traffic Management Plan.

End of Notice

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| Signed: Engineer: s9(2)(a) 28/11/16 | Received: Contractor:/...../..... (Please sign and return duplicate copy to Eng/Eng's Rep) |
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SH29 Maungatapu Safety Barrier

Contract No.2/12-010/601

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From: [Chris Farnsworth](#)
To: [Fergus Tate](#)
Cc: [Adam Francis](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Thursday, 7 December 2017 9:22:16 a.m.
Attachments: [2-12-010-601 NTC#21.pdf](#)

Hi Fergus

Attached is the rate sheet for 2015/16 Maungatapu Median Barrier (before Env Court issues...)

Link to schedule for 2016 Triple P (Sargent Drive to Wainui South Rd)_

<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll/properties/14480897> - rate sheet is in the email

Looking for the 2013 Bethlehem to Waihi Overbridge, but as its pre-info hub im struggling to track it down, probably a bit old anyway to reflect costs in 2017.

Chris

From: Adam Francis
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 2:55 p.m.
To: Chris Farnsworth
Subject: Fwd: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi Chris.

Can you help Ferg with the costs and dates for the median barriers we installed at TripleP and at Bethlehem?

Cheers
Adam

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Fergus Tate <Fergus.Tate@nzta.govt.nz>
Date: 6 December 2017 at 2:27:40 PM NZDT
To: Brian Rainford <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Murray Parker <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Mark Newsome <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Adam Francis <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Michelle Te Wharau <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Mark Lilley <[\[redacted\]](#)>, John Garvitch <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Ken Holst <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Dan Tate <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Steve James <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Tony Spowart <[\[redacted\]](#)>, David Scarlet <[\[redacted\]](#)>, Roy Johnston <[\[redacted\]](#)>
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From: John Garvitch
To: Fergus Tate
Subject: Re: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 3:59:46 p.m.
Attachments: image005.jpg

Median WRB & 2+1 on SH3 north of Ohaupo. Did a SWIPP project on that in 2014/15. I don't have access to cost from here but it was approved & funded from within SWIPP

This message sent from my phone

----- Reply message -----

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From: [Fergus Tate](#)
To: [Adam Francis](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 3:38:00 p.m.

I think retro fit is where we have fitted to an existing road as opposed to new highways with central median

From: Adam Francis
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 2:54 p.m.
To: Fergus Tate
Subject: Re: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Hi Ferg

I assume retrofit median barrier is where we have installed a median barrier without increasing lane capacity?

If so there are 2 sites in the BOP. I'm out of the office until tomorrow so can provide the info then.

Regards
Adam

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From: [Official Correspondence](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST
Date: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 12:45:05 p.m.
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Hi Lachlan, please see below from requester.

Regards Sally

From: John-Michael Swannix [mailto:johnmichaelswannix@mediaworks.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 12:30 p.m.
To: Official Correspondence
Subject: Re: OIA-3396 - REFINEMENT REQUEST

Kia ora,

Thanks for that - I'd be happy with these amendments:

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Thanks
JMS

On 6 December 2017 at 12:01, Official Correspondence
<Official.Correspondence@nzta.govt.nz> wrote:
Hi John-Michael,

The Transport Agency is seeking a refinement of some parts of your request of 20 November 2017.

Your request asks for:

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In relation to part two of your request, the total cost of installing median barriers cannot clearly be calculated, as many median barrier installations are included in the total contract price of certain projects. Additional, in relation to part three, there is no specific timeframe of installation (e.g. in the last 5, 10 or 15 years to date). This means that, as it stands, your request may constitute substantial collusion.

If you are happy to refine your request to the total cost of retrofitted median barriers only,

and are able to provide a more specific timeframe, please let us know as soon as possible.

Our suggested refinement is as follows:

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From: [Helen Holloway](#)
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: RE: OIA-3396 - Refinement
Date: Monday, 4 December 2017 4:54:56 p.m.

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Kind regards,

From: [Lachlan Brown](#)
To: [Official Correspondence](#)
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - Refinement
Date: Tuesday, 5 December 2017 3:51:00 p.m.

Hi Team,

Could you please send the text below as a refinement email to Mr Swannix (OIA-3396)?

I note that in the transfer letter linked below, MoT says they will respond. Just checking they don't mean they will send the entire thing, and that they have actually sent a transfer letter to the requester?

<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll?func=ll&objaction=overview&objid=29070557>

Many thanks 😊
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Lachlan Brown](#)
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - Swannix - for draft reply
Date: Monday, 4 December 2017 2:26:03 p.m.
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[image004.jpg](#)

From: SD&D Ministerial Services
Sent: Monday, 27 November 2017 12:52 p.m.
To: Fergus Tate; SD&D Ministerial Services
Cc: [REDACTED]; Helen Holloway
Subject: FW: OIA-3396 - Swannix - for draft reply

Hi Fergus

This email is regarding our phone call earlier. I see Lachlan has now gotten back to you and says he will likely go back to the requester and ask them to refine their request. I thought I'd send you this email in the meantime so that you have a copy of all the relevant information as well as copy of the InfoHub link to the OIA folder.

Would you be able to draft a response to this OIA request from John-Michael Swannix, a journalist from mediaworks. John-Michael Swannix is seeking specific information about the effectiveness of median barriers, the total cost of installing median barriers to date, the projected total cost for further construction of median barriers, whether the Minister or Associate Minister has requested information on median barriers and anything sent from the Ministers regarding median barriers.

Please note this OIA was formerly MIN-2599.

If you or someone in your team is able to assist, can we please have the draft response by **COP Thursday 07 December 2017**. Alternatively if OIA-3396 needs to go to someone else, or if information needs to be withheld in part or whole (e.g. commercial sensitivity), please let me know.

Please refer to the e-mail below for the InfoHub folder, letter template and OIA cover memo. When the draft reply is ready and saved in the appropriate folder in the below link, please email SD&D Ministerial Services and the MS Advisor. Thank you very much for your help and time!

Regards,

Maddy Hewison-Burch

Maddy Hewison-Burch / Ministerial Services Co-ordinator
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From: Official Correspondence
Sent: Friday, 24 November 2017 5:12 p.m.
To: SD&D Ministerial Services
Cc: Tim Herbert; Vanessa Browne; Helen Holloway; Leisa Coley
Subject: OIA-3396 - Swannix - for draft reply

Hi team,

Please see the below link to an OIA request for draft reply:

<https://infohub.nzta.govt.nz/otcs/cs.dll?func=ll&objId=29065724&objAction=browse&viewType=1>

Please use a [letter template](#) and here is the [OIA check sheet](#).

The drafter will also need to complete the [memo](#)

Deadline to MS (with tier 4 08/12/17 approval included)
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MS Advisor [REDACTED] 99(2)(a)

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Thank you

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