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REF: OIA-4104

Dear Mike

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 20 August 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

We request information relating to the use of glyphosate herbicide by NZTA's 23 highway maintenance contractors employed to prevent weeds and other noxious vegetation growing beside state highways and rural roads.

- 1. Is glyphosate used by contractors to roadsides to prevent weed growth?*
- 2. If so, how many times, and at what time, during the year, it is applied?*
- 3. How much is applied per square metre?*
- 4. How is it applied?*
- 5. Are any alternative weed control herbicides or pesticides used by NZTA contractors to control weed growth?*

The following documents fall within the scope of your request and are enclosed:

- Attachment 1: 'OIA-4104 Responses to question', 5/09/18, showing the responses to the questions above provided by each Network Outcomes Contract Manager.

It's important to note that the product is used in line with recommended good practice and in accordance with local resource consent conditions. Any products used by our contractors must be safe, legal and fit for purpose.

Please note that we will also be publishing the response to this request on our website:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/about-us/news-and-media/official-information-act/official-information-act-oia-responses/>

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Natalie Mankelow, Media Manager by email to Natalie.mankelow@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 021 928 413.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Oldfield', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wayne Oldfield
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