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Dear Meriana

Request under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 21 February 2019 requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). Your specific questions and our responses to these questions are outlined below.

1. *How much has the 15 per cent price lift in rock added to the cost – or projected final cost – of Transmission Gully?*

The reported 15 percent price lift in rock has not added to the cost of the Transmission Gully project. The project is being delivered by the NZ Transport Agency's Private Partner, Wellington Gateway Partnership (WGP), under what is effectively a fixed-price agreement.

WGP gets paid a pre-determined amount for each quarter that the motorway is open and available for the 25-year period that WGP will operate and maintain the highway.

2. *How much has the import of boulders from Golden Bay added to the cost of Transmission Gully?*

The import of boulders from Golden Bay has not added to the cost of the Transmission Gully project for the reason outlined above.

I trust this information fulfils your request. If you would like to discuss this response with the Transport Agency, you can contact Jasmine Higginson, Media Manager, by email to jasmine.higginson@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 903 2315.

Yours sincerely,



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