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Dear John-Michael

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for your email of 26 June 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

“From October 2017 to 25 June 2019, how many kilometres of median barriers have been installed around the country as part of the Coalition Government's road-safety programme? Please list number of kilometres by region.

“What has been the cost of installing median barriers in the areas identified in question one?

“How many kilometres of median barriers are scheduled to be constructed between June 25, 2019 and 1 October, 2020 as part of the Coalition Government's road-safety programme? Please list number of kilometres by region.

“What is the expected cost of installing the median barriers in the areas identified in question three?”

I will answer your questions in turn below.

*Question one: From October 2017 to 25 June 2019, how many kilometres of median barriers have been installed around the country as part of the Coalition Government's road-safety programme? Please list number of kilometres by region.*

From October 2017 - 25 June 2019 there have been 16km of median barriers installed on SH1 from Dunedin to Fairfield (.85km) and SH1 between Bombay to Longswamp (15.1km). A further 33km of median barriers are currently in construction and are listed below.

Road Safety Programme	Region	Kilometres
SH1 Dome Valley Safety Improvements	Auckland	10.7
SH2 Pakipaki to Waipukurau	Hawkes Bay	3.1
HB Expressway Safety Treatments	Hawkes Bay	16.9
Marshland to Burwood Median Barrier	Canterbury	2.4

*Question two: What has been the cost of installing median barriers in the areas identified in question one?*

The cost of installing wire rope median barrier ranges from \$80,000 to \$100,000 per kilometre. However, when installing a median barrier there are often other works that are required to make this an effective treatment, these include road widening, moving of utilities, intersection improvements and provision of turning facilities. This takes the cost up to \$2.5 million to \$3 million per kilometre.

*Question three and four: How many kilometres of median barriers are scheduled to be constructed between June 25, 2019 and 1 October 2020 as part of the Coalition Government's road-safety programme? Please list number of kilometres by region. What is the expected cost of installing the median barriers in the areas identified in question three?"*

I am refusing questions three and four of your request under section 18(e) of the Act because the information does not exist as we do not have expected completion dates for all projects currently under construction, or that will be in construction before 1 October 2020. However, I can advise that through the Safe Network Programme, there are 13 projects currently in construction and a further 22 in the planning stages. When these projects have been completed, 198 kilometres of median barriers will have been installed through the Safe Network Programme since October 2017.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to extend this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager, Media by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely



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