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REF: OIA-6302

Dear Cushla

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 17 January 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*'Could you please tell me how much surplus land has been left over from NZTA's various roading projects across the country.
I'd like a breakdown by project and the amount of land leftover from each one.'*

On 22 January 2020 Waka Kotahi, the NZ Transport Agency, emailed you to clarify the scope of your request.

On 28 January 2020 you rescoped your request as follows:

'I'd like to refine my request to this:

How much surplus land does NZTA have left over from its seven Roads of National significance projects?

Please detail the amount of surplus land per each project?

The 7 RONs being:

- *Puhoi to Wellsford – SH1*
- *Completion of the Auckland Western Ring Route – SH20/16/18*
- *Auckland Victoria Park bottleneck – SH1*
- *Waikato Expressway – SH1*
- *Tauranga Eastern Corridor – SH2*
- *Wellington Northern Corridor (Levin to Wellington) – SH1*
- *Christchurch motorway projects'*

The following document is within the scope of your request and is enclosed:

- Attachment 1: Summary of Electronic Database Query – Amount of surplus of land for Roads of National significance.

In July 2013 Waka Kotahi updated to an electronic database, data prior to 2013 may not be captured on this system. As some parts of the Roads of National Significance project commenced prior to July 2013, there is a risk that the data provided to you in the attachment is incomplete.

The Auckland Victoria Park Project on State Highway 1 was fully completed prior to the implementation of our electronic database, we are therefore unable to provide this information.

For the reasons outlined above, part of your request for information is being refused under section 18(g) of the Act because the information requested is not held by the department or Minister of the Crown or organisation and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either— (i) held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority; or (ii) connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to withhold some of the information not held on our electronic database. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact Andrew Knackstedt, Senior Manager, Media, by email to andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on 04 894 6285.

Yours sincerely

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

Andrew Robinson

Senior Manager – Transport Property

Attachment 1: Summary of Electronic Database Query

Amount of surplus land for each of the Roads of National significance.

Row Labels	Area for Disposal (Ha)
Levin to Wellington	336.8662
Western Ring Route	20.8724
Waikato Expressway	895.0786
Tauranga Eastern Link	180.3226
Christchurch Motorways	216.2184
Grand Total	1649.3582

CAVEAT

- Property information is from July 2013 - December 2019.
- Some Roads of National Significance projects are not yet complete. This information only relates to properties that have officially entered the Crown disposal process. Where projects are not yet complete, there may be land that has not yet entered the Crown disposal process but may potentially do so in the future.
- Information is incomplete if surplus property was disposed of prior to July 2013 - for example, Victoria Park Tunnel and some Western Ring Route information will be missing from this data.
- No property is yet identified as surplus on Puhoi-Wellsford Roads of National Significance.
- Surplus Property on Victoria Park Tunnel preceded the change in July 2013.