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Dear Sam

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

Thank you for your email of 6 May 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *How much is paid in tolls each year (a break down of each road would be great)?*
- *Where is that money spent?*
- *And how much is paid in late fees?*

*If I could have the figures for 2017 – 2019 that would be ideal.*

Your questions are addressed separately, and responses are provided below:

**1. How much is paid in tolls each year (a breakdown of each road would be great)?**

Tariff Breakdown, Northern Gateway Toll Road			
Financial Year	Toll Revenue (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	Toll Operating Revenue (\$000) <sup>2</sup>	Total (\$000) <sup>3</sup>
2016/17	9,980	4,804	14,784
2017/18	10,491	5,025	15,516
2018/19	10,868	5,108	15,976

Tariff Breakdown, Tauranga Eastern Link Toll Road			
Financial Year	Toll Revenue (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	Toll Operating Revenue (\$000) <sup>2</sup>	Total (\$000) <sup>3</sup>
2016/17	4,482	2,288	6,770
2017/18	5,029	2,546	7,575
2018/19	5,450	2,693	8,143

Tariff Breakdown, Takitimu Drive Toll Road			
Financial Year	Toll Revenue (\$000) <sup>1</sup>	Toll Operating Revenue (\$000) <sup>2</sup>	Total (\$000) <sup>3</sup>
2016/17	4,382	2,317	6,699
2017/18	4,983	2,647	7,630
2018/19	5,667	2,987	8,654

<sup>1</sup> Amount designated to repay the debt.

<sup>2</sup> Amount retained by Waka Kotahi to operate toll business.

<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST).

Please note the paid toll revenues in the tables above are the actual amounts paid for toll trips as opposed to revenue recognised for each road. The revenue recognised for each road is available in the Annual Reports published on the Waka Kotahi website at [www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/annual-report-nzta/2018-2019/](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/annual-report-nzta/2018-2019/). All figures above are exclusive of GST.

## **2. Where is that money spent?**

Revenue collected from the toll tariffs is spent on:

- Repaying debt established in the building or purchase of the road. This includes interest payable under the terms of the loan.
- Operational costs, including personnel costs, transaction charges (i.e. bank charges), depreciation, and information technology upgrades
- Goods and Services Tax.

## **3. And how much is paid in late fees?**

After five working days, if a toll remains unpaid, a toll payment notice is issued to the person registered in relation to the vehicle on the Motor Vehicle Register. An administration fee of \$4.90 (GST inclusive) is charged to each toll payment notice when issued. This fee is not a penalty or fine; it is applied to recover the costs associated with issuing the notice, processing payments and managing these overdue tolls.

Unpaid toll payment notices cannot be broken down to individual toll roads. Issued notices can contain unpaid tolls across all three toll roads and include one administration fee. Amounts are exclusive of GST.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Paid Administration Fees (\$000)</b>
<b>2016/17</b>	3,582
<b>2017/18</b>	3,590
<b>2018/19</b>	3,704

If you would like to discuss this reply with the Waka Kotahi, please contact Megan Heffield by email to [megan.heffield@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:megan.heffield@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on 021 317 688.

Yours sincerely



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