

28 July 2022

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Dear Oli

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 30 June 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

...The regions listed in the NLTP are: Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Whanganui, Wellington, Top of the South, West Coast, Canterbury, the Chatham Islands, and Otago/Southland. So 14 regions total.

Please provide the following:

- 1. The amount sourced from each of the 14 regions in fuel excise duty, road user charges and vehicle and driver registration and licensing for the NLTF each year for the past five years (either financial or calendar, depending on your preference).*
- 2. The most recent population estimates for each of the 14 NLTP areas.*
- 3. The vehicle kilometres travelled estimates each year for the past five years for each of the 14 NLTP areas.*

On 14 July 2022, part two of your request was transferred to Statistics New Zealand under section 14 of the Act. I will answer each of your remaining questions in turn.

- 1. The amount sourced from each of the 14 regions in fuel excise duty, road user charges and vehicle and driver registration and licensing for the NLTF each year for the past five years (either financial or calendar, depending on your preference).**

The collection of fuel excise duty (FED) is the responsibility of the New Zealand Customs service (NZ Customs). Fuel excise duty is paid to NZ Customs on all petrol that is produced or imported in New Zealand, and fuel companies recover the cost of fuel excise duty directly from customers on a national basis. The tax revenue from FED is provided to Waka Kotahi, but there is no information about which region the fuel will be delivered and recovered from. All funds collected are added to the national fund and distributed in accordance with the Government Policy Statement on Land Transport, via the National Land Transport Programme.

Please note that while Road User Charges; vehicle registration and licensing; and driver licensing activities are undertaken by Waka Kotahi, we do not capture this information in a way which allows for a regional breakdown to be provided. We do hold information on the address listed for a vehicle and the address for a driver, but this information is not an indicator of where the vehicle is located or used.

Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act because the information requested is not held by Waka Kotahi and we have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department.

3. The vehicle kilometres travelled estimates each year for the past five years for each of the 14 NLTP areas.

I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the Act because the information requested is publicly available.

The information regarding vehicle kilometres travelled at a regional level can be found on our website (www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/learning-and-resources/transport-data/data-and-tools), using the following steps:

- Go to the data and tools page and open the file under *Vehicle use (VKT) 'Vehicle Kilometres Travelled' within Road Controlling Authority areas, in each region and in NZ...over the last 10 years*.
- Go to the SHLR worksheet.
- Filter the Report Selection to Regional.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

In line with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will soon be published on our website, with personal information removed.

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



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