

6 March 2024

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REF: OIA-14648

Dear ██████████

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

Thank you for your email of 9 February 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*I would like to request a breakdown of the costs for verge control of all the NZ state highways administered by NZTA.*

On 15 February 2024 you provided the following clarification:

*Could you please supply costs for the period 1 July 2022 - 30 June 2023.*

We have interpreted your request as costs for vegetation control on all state highways managed by NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA).

Unfortunately, we cannot provide a breakdown of costs for vegetation maintenance. Environmental maintenance work is split into 7 categories, and 6 of these (which includes work to control vegetation activity) are covered as part of an environmental lump sum in our Network Outcome Contracts (NOCs). As most vegetation activity is covered under the lump sum by our contractors, we cannot identify and separate vegetation activity from other work covered under the category *SH WC 121 Environmental Maintenance*.

We can, however, advise that the total annual expenditure towards environmental maintenance for the period requested was \$73,369,500.00.

Further information about the *WC121 Environmental Maintenance work category*, including details on what specific work it includes (for instance, snow clearing and ice control), is available on our website at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning-and-investment-knowledge-base/202124-nltp/2021-24-nltp-activity-classes-and-work-categories/local-road-and-state-highway-maintenance/2021-24-nltp-wc-121-environmental-maintenance/>.

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

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZTA, please contact us by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "AD Clark". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

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