

9 April 2024

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REF: OIA-14996

Dear [REDACTED]

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 25 March 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- 1. The total cost of traffic management in the last financial year*
- 2. How many traffic management firms you used in the last financial year*

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) does not procure Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) as an individual item, but as part of activities within our maintenance contracts. The State Highway network is separated into 23 regional networks, each with its own maintenance contract. These maintenance contractors manage any TTM requirements and resourcing for each regional contract, whether that be in house TTM or through sub-contractors. NZTA therefore does not hold individual data on TTM costs or number of subcontractors used by our primary contractors for TTM.

Therefore, I am required to refuse your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by NZTA and I have no grounds for believing that the information is connected more closely with the functions of another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation or of a local authority.

While TTM is important to keep road works safe, the efficiency and costs required are a significant focus of NZTA's. On 4 March the draft 2024 Government Policy Statement on Land Transport (GPS) was released for consultation. The draft includes a strategic priority to reduce expenditure on temporary traffic management and includes a requirement for reporting on TTM on a quarterly basis.

NZTA is actively transitioning to a risk-based approach which will support efficient TTM set-ups that effectively keep people safe. This will include changes to contracts, a new way of working and monitoring to ensure this meets both safety and cost efficiency outcomes. You can find more information on this approach at <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/roads-and-rail/new-zealand-guide-to-temporary-traffic-management/>.

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 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, you are welcome to contact it by email at official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V L Browne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V" and "L".

Vanessa Browne

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