

28 April 2023

Out of Scope

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REF: OIA-12221

Dear Out of

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 14 March 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *How many graffiti tags has NZTA been removing each month for the past three years up to the end of February in Auckland?*
- *How much has NZTA spent on removing tagging in Auckland each month for the past three years up to the end of February?*

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

- Attachment 1 – Graffiti tag removals 2020-2023

To provide you with some context for the number of graffiti removals and associated costs, due to Covid-related resource availability and lockdowns in 2020 and early 2021, our staff and contractors were restricted in the works that could be undertaken. As a result, the removal numbers for this period are relatively low, while post-April 2021, removal efforts increased significantly as Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency worked to address the backlog of graffiti removals.

The cost of removal varies when the tags are at height, or on specialised assets, as the equipment required to safely remove them impacts on the cost of the task.

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 Ministerial Services, by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Peter Brown', with a stylized, cursive script.

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