

17 July 2023



REF: OIA-12922

Dear 

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

... in relation to the opening ceremony held to mark the opening of the new section of State Highway 1 and the Te Honohono ki Tai Matakana Link Road.

- *Total costs and expenses associated with the opening ceremony for the above named new sections of highway. This includes - but is not limited to – all costs and expenses associated with the event itself, planning, venue hire, equipment purchase or hire, traffic management, transport for guests, security, catering, communications (both internal and external), clean-up and fuel costs.*
- *Total staffing hours associated with the opening ceremony for the above named new sections of highway. This includes – but is not limited to – all staff hours dedicated towards the event itself, planning, venue hire, equipment purchase or hire, traffic management, transport for guests, security, communications (both internal and external), clean-up and catering.*

The following document falls within the scope of your request and is enclosed:

- Attachment 1: Pūhoi to Warkworth & Matakana Link Road PROJECT OPENING EVENT COSTS

Two Waka Kotahi employees were involved in the planning and logistics for the opening ceremony of the Pūhoi to Warkworth Motorway once a date had been confirmed. Due to the size of the event and the complexity across multiple locations, an additional 7 Waka Kotahi employees supported on the day. Their role included tasks such as parking, managing attendees, ensuring attendee safety, supporting the full-time employees with event timings and ad hoc tasks as and when required before, during and as part of the pack down of the event. Staff hours have not been individually recorded in relation to this event. The 7 employees who supported on the day were involved for approximately 4 to 6 hours.

The Puhoi to Warkworth Motorway opening ceremony was a joint event with Auckland Transport, which also acknowledged the opening of Te Honohono ki Tai Road as part of the local road network. Staff hours for Auckland Transport are not included in this response.

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 us by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Robertson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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