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Ref. OIA-4547

Dear Jamie

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

Thank you for your email of 18 December 2018 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- *Please provide the cost for all roading projects - collectively and individually - in the last 10 years between Rangiriri and Hampton Downs, including the Longswamp Waikato Expressway.*
- *Please breakdown the dates of each project, including when they started, when they were initially expected to be finished, and when they were finished. For ongoing projects please provide their initial expected date of completion and the current expected date of completion.*
- *For projects which had, or are expected to have, a delayed date of completion, please provide the reason for the delay and any additional costs.*

I have responded to each of your questions below, in the order they have been asked:

*Please provide the cost for all roading projects - collectively and individually - in the last 10 years between Rangiriri and Hampton Downs, including the Longswamp Waikato Expressway*

The Rangiriri and Longswamp sections of the Waikato Expressway are within scope of your request. The costs associated with these projects include investigation, design, property, construction and implementation.

The cost of the Rangiriri section is \$134 million, and the cost of the Longswamp section is \$122 million. The collective cost of these projects is \$256 million.

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Work on the Rangiriri section commenced in January 2013 and was expected to be finished in December 2016. The project was opened to 4 lane traffic in April 2017. The construction of a new local access road and the final surfacing of the expressway is yet to be completed.

Work on the Longswamp section commenced in July 2016 and was expected to be finished by early 2019. Construction is still in progress and we expect to complete the project in spring 2019.

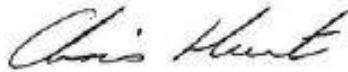
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Unforeseen earthworks conditions delayed the completion of the Rangiriri section. Other increased costs are due to an additional coat of chipseal, a low noise surfacing and the addition of the local access road. These additional costs outside the budget are estimated at \$4 million.

The Longswamp section has experienced programme delays due to wet weather conditions and constrained supply for premium aggregate quarry products. The current forecast costs are within the project's budget.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Andrew Knackstead, National Media Manager, by email to [andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.knackstedt@nzta.govt.nz) or by phone on 021 276 3222.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Chris Hunt**  
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