

4 October 2024

s9(2)(a)

REF: OIA-16205

Dear s9(2)(a)

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 18 August 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

Considering recent public service job cuts, I would like to know the total number of full-time employee's vs contract employees in a list/table format below in reference to the NZTA regional model including

1. Individuals employed by NZTA as contractors acting as NZTA agents via a consultancy providing professional services including but not limited to project management, property management, planning services that are embedded within regional teams of:

- *System Design,*
- *Infrastructure & Delivery*
- *Maintenance & Operations,*
- *Communications & Engagement.*

As well as major Projects like O2NL

2. Can you please share the staffing and expenditure related to acquiring the following services over the period Jan 2024 to June 2024.

This should be in the form:

- *Number of employees (expressed as FTEs)*
- *Number of contractors/consultants (expressed as FTEs)*
- *Total expenditure on contractors/consultants*

For each of the following two services:

- *System Design*
- *Infrastructure and Delivery*

For each of the following regions:

- *Northland and Auckland*
- *Waikato and Bay of Plenty*
- *Central North Island*
- *Greater Wellington and Top of the South Island*
- *West Coast, Canterbury, Otago and Southland*

In response to request 1., NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) does not have any individuals employed as contractors acting as NZTA agents via a consultancy providing professional services. I am refusing your request under section 18(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

In response to request 2., providing you with an FTE breakdown of contractors and consultants for these groups would require NZTA officials to manually calculate the FTE numbers from more than 500 invoices. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

The following table sets out the number of employees (expressed as FTEs) and the total 1 January - 30 June 2024 expenditure on contractors/consultants by System Design and Infrastructure Delivery by region. Note the total expenditure on contractors/consultants for System Design and Infrastructure Delivery does not include projects.

| | Number of employees (expressed as FTEs) as at 1 July 2024. | Total expenditure on contractors/consultants (\$) |
|--|--|---|
| System Design | | |
| Auckland/Northland | 1.0 | |
| Central and Lower South | 2.0 | |
| Gisborne, Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Manawatu | 2.0 | |
| Waikato/Bay of Plenty | 1.0 | 1,000 |
| Wellington and Top of South | 2.0 | |
| Infrastructure Delivery | | |
| Auckland/Northland | 31.0 | |
| Central and Lower South | 12.0 | |
| Gisborne, Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Manawatu | 19.8 | |
| Waikato/Bay of Plenty | 19.0 | 104,288 |
| Wellington and Top of South | 16.8 | 1,767 |
| Total | 106.6 | 107,055 |

NZTA regularly reports on contractor and consultant use across the Agency as part of its responses to Select Committee questions. The most recent Select Committee Vote Estimates questions can be found at the following link: https://www.parliament.nz/resource/en-NZ/54SCTIN_EVI_463f1c2c-58d8-46c9-6d2b-08dc80ee0281_TIN1363/515cb5fb1c8e82749253126b52742007fc1df771. The relevant questions are 95 and 97.

We also regularly report on contractor and consultant use to the Public Service Commission. This reporting can be found at: <https://www.publicservice.govt.nz/research-and-data/workforce-data-public-sector-composition/workforce-data-workforce-size>.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to partially 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, please contact us by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caz". The letters are cursive and connected, with a small dot above the 'a'.

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