

11 October 2024

s9(2)(a)

REF: OIA-16457

Dear s9(2)(a)

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

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

Under the Official information act can you provide the amount in dollars per year that is spent on traffic management and also how much of that amount is spent on traffic cones.

We cannot provide costs split by traffic management and road cone categories as, historically, we have not procured Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) as a separate item, but as part of activities (which may include road cones) within maintenance contracts. Each regional network has its own maintenance contract which may use in-house TTM or through sub-contractors. NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA) does not hold individual data on TTM costs over a year, or on how much of this cost is spent on road cones.

I am therefore required under the Act to refuse your request under section 18(g)(ii) of the Act as the information requested is not held by NZTA and there are no grounds for believing that it is connected more closely with the functions of another department or organisation.

We can, however, advise that we are now collating TTM costs across all our projects and will provide a report during this quarter to the Minister of Transport in accordance with the 2024 Government Policy Statement on land transport (GPS). We will soon be releasing this information, via the Transport Insights web portal, on our website at:

<https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning/road-efficiency-group/transport-insights-and-performance-reporting/temporary-traffic-management-reporting/>

The GPS sets out the Government's priorities and strategic direction for investment in the transport sector. It prioritises economic growth and productivity, maintenance and resilience, and emphasises safety and value for money from transport expenditure. The new GPS is available online at: www.transport.govt.nz/area-of-interest/strategy-and-direction/government-policy-statement-on-land-transport-2024.

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, please contact the Ministerial Services team by email at official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben White', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ben White

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