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(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Tom Austen

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Dear Tom

**Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987**

**Regional track upgrade budgets**

I refer to your email received on 19 August 2019, requesting information on the regional track upgrade budgets for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.

The specific details of your request and our response is below:

- 1. I note the regional track upgrade budget for 2019/20 is \$6,513,000. How many kilometres of track is budgeted to be upgraded?**

In the 2019/2020 financial year work is planned to improve 77 kilometres of tracks across all regional parks, where kauri dieback mitigation is required.

The budget also covers planning and design work for track upgrades programmed for 2020/21.

- 2. The regional park track upgrade budget for 2018/19 was \$2,000,000. How many kilometres of track did this upgrade?**

Please refer to the attached memo (**Attachment 1**) that was sent to the Environment and Community Committee in June 2019. This memo provided an update on the kauri dieback management programme, including the track upgrade plan for the Waitākere Ranges.

As at 30 June 2019 a total of 25 kilometres of track was upgraded to kauri safe standards.

- 3. How much was spent upgrading each track.**

The budget for track work includes the use of both capital and operational funds depending on the nature of the upgrade work required. Some track projects use both types of funding and the procurement approach can vary – for example in some instances track work can be contracted out in a “bundle”.

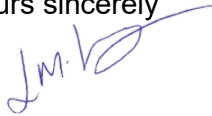
In our response sent to you in July we advised that the budgets are determined based on the estimated work required in each geographic location. They are also generally managed at this level and not on a track by track basis.

For these reasons, we are unable to provide you with a breakdown of how much was spent upgrading each track, as this would take a significant amount of time to research and collate this information. The part of your request is refused under section 17(f).

If you feel that we have not responded adequately to your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on (09) 301 0101 quoting LGOIMA No. 8140005461.

Yours sincerely

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

Joanne Kearney  
Privacy & LGOIMA Business Partner  
**Democracy Services**

Decisions relating to what information is being released to you were made by Mace Ward, Kaihautū - General Manager, Parks, Sports & Recreation.

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