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Dear Rod

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for email of 15 December 2019 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

- “a) How many km's of *separated* cycleways exist in NZ (not shared paths, or on road cycleways)?*
- “b) What is the average continuous length of a separated cycleway in NZ?*
- “c) Listed by major urban city (Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch), how many km's of separated cycleway exist for each?”*

We define separated cycleways as facilities exclusively for cycling. They involve some form of physical separation from motor traffic and are generally situated on or adjacent to the roadway, usually within the road reserve. The separation may involve horizontal and/or vertical components.

The term ‘separated cycleway’ includes facilities known as: ‘protected cycle lanes’ (Auckland Transport) and ‘separated cycle lanes’ (Christchurch City Council).

Our records show a total of 110.6km of separated cycleways exist in New Zealand. This compares to a total 1311km of shared pathways and 1550km of on-road cycleways. It is important to note that these totals are derived from the annual returns provided by local councils to the NZ Transport Agency, so will include only cycleways subsidised by the Transport Agency.

In response to question (b), because these facilities are reported as local totals rather than as individual cycleways, unfortunately we are unable to provide you with a figure for the average continuous length of a separated cycleway. I am therefore refusing your request under section 18(g) of the Act as the information requested is not held by the Transport Agency and I have no grounds for believing that the information is held by another department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, or by a local authority.

We have recently published an online map of cycle routes which you may find useful. You can find this online at <http://maphub.nzta.govt.nz/portal/home/gallery.html> then by clicking on “Cycle Trail Facility”. Separated cycleways are listed as “cycle paths” in the key on this map.

Totals for separated cycleways in the major urban areas are broken down as follows:

- Auckland: 11.2km
- Wellington area 41.1 km (of which Wellington City is 2.9km)
- Christchurch 22.3 km

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZ Transport Agency, please contact Owen Mata, Walking and Cycling Team Lead, by email to owen.mata@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Elston', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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