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

**Weed control in Auckland**

I refer to your request, which we received on 10 August 2020, about weed control. I also refer to my email to you on 07 September 2020, extending the timeframe for us to respond to your request. Thank you for your patience while we have worked on this response.

Weed Management is completed within the road corridor for the following outcomes:

- Ensure vegetation growing in the kerb and channel and open water channels does not interfere with water flow.
- Maintain the safety of pedestrians and road users by maintaining clear sight lines of street signage, reflective marker posts and minor streetscape assets as well as at intersections and roundabouts
- Control plant pests in accordance with the requirements of the Regional Pest Management Plan.
- Maintain the streetscape in a tidy and aesthetically pleasing condition.
- Prevent root intrusion causing damage to the road surface, kerb and channel, footpaths, and other road assets
- Maintain horizontal and vertical clearances over the road carriageway and footpaths

Auckland's moderate and wet climate makes the area particularly vulnerable to the detrimental effects of weeds. The climate causes vigorous growth, easy establishment, and increased infestation of weeds. The road corridor provides a dynamic environment for the spread of weeds including through vehicle and water dispersal.

Since 2019, Auckland Council has undertaken the maintenance of the green spaces within the road corridor, under contract to and on behalf of Auckland Transport.

**Would you please supply for each Auckland area you manage (e.g. Central West, North Rural, Hibiscus & Bays, South East etc) for each year commencing 2012 to 2019/20, the following**

**1.The numbers of kms you treat[ed] for weed and vegetation control in each area**

We are unable to breakdown this information by year, however the number of kilometres treated has only increased slightly over the years, due to the growth of Auckland City. The below table contains 2015 data provided by Auckland Transport based on their Management areas.

<b>Auckland Transport Management Area</b>	<b>Linear Kilometres</b>
Central	583
Central East	487
Hauraki Gulf Islands	258
North East	573
North Rural	1,519
North West	488
South East	496
South Rural	1,213
South West	878
West	874
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,369</b>

The below table contains 2019 data provided by Auckland Council based on their management areas (Local Board).

<b>Local Board</b>	<b>Linear Kilometres</b>
Albert-Eden	261
Aotea Great Barrier	110
Devonport-Takapuna	173
Franklin	1,234
Henderson-Massey	383
Hibiscus and Bays	473
Howick	553
Kaipatiki	229
Mangere-Otahuhu	230
Manurewa	268
Maungakiekie-Tamaki	251
Orakei	261
Otara-Papatoetoe	231
Papakura	258
Puketapapa	151
Rodney	1,521
Upper Harbour	290
Waiheke	152
Waitakere Ranges	365
Waitemata	217
Whau	199
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,810</b>

## **2.the annual invoiced cost for weed and vegetation control for each area.**

The amount invoiced is outcome-based, therefore there is no budget line for specific tasks, such as weed management in the road corridor.

Auckland Council invoiced Auckland Transport in the 2019/2020 financial year the sum of \$9.5m for reimbursement of the Streetscape maintenance including mowing, litter collection, town centre cleaning and weed vegetation control across Auckland.

## **3.the annual totals of the following chemicals (as active ingredient) used in each area for your weed and vegetation control: glyphosate, metsulfuran methyl (meturon), organosilicone, diethanol condensate (fatty acid) & any other significant chemical.**

The information you have requested on annual totals is being collated to be published later this year. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(d) of the LGOIMA on the basis that the information will soon be publicly available.

The decision by Auckland Council to release the information contained in this response was made by Jennifer Rose, Head of Business and Performance - Community Facilities.

I hope you find this information useful. Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request you have the right to seek a review of the decision from the Ombudsman.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101, quoting LGOIMA No.8140007270.

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