

15 February 2021

Hana Blackmore

Via email: fyi-request-14560-30a7b911@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Blackmore

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

CAS-292173-H7P4P3

We refer to your request for official information dated 28 January 2021 regarding funding for weed and vegetation control. Auckland Transport's response to your request for information is outlined below.

NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) funding is provided in urban areas for weed and vegetation control, this includes grass cutting to lawn standard or maintenance of alternative low-cost ground cover treatments in medians and traffic islands. In addition, Waka Kotahi funds clearing vegetation from public footpaths, shared paths and cycle paths associated with roadways where vegetation would impede safe access and use for both rural and urban areas. Please note there is no information/clarification about the method used that influences funding. For further details please see details on the conditions of funding in this site: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning-and-investment-knowledge-base/201821-nltp/activity-classes-and-work-categories/road-maintenance/work-category-121-environmental-maintenance/>

The amount of funding that Auckland Transport receives from Waka Kotahi for any road maintenance activity is limited by the total funding available, therefore, Auckland Transport could deliver eligible activities for which it might not receive co-funding from Waka Kotahi.

We trust the above information has addressed the matters raised however, should you believe that we have not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right in accordance with section 27(3) of the LGOIMA to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman to seek an investigation and review in regard to this matter.

If you have any further queries, please contact Auckland Transport on 09 355 3553 quoting Official Information request number CAS-292173-H7P4P3

Yours sincerely



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