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REF: OIA-8418

Dear Chris

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 6 July 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

what the current repair costs to date have amounted to on the Rangiriri to Te Kauwhata section of the State Highway 1 expressway north of Hamilton and if the total cost of construction and subsequent maintenance, by the same construction company, for this section of State Highway 1 - would have exceeded the amount tendered by the losing bidders for this section of highway.

The contractor who built the Rangiriri section of the Waikato Expressway remains responsible for pavement maintenance until final surfacing is complete, which is currently planned for October. No additional cost has been incurred by Waka Kotahi for repairs to date.

The project was procured under the Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) model, in which a preferred contractor is appointed prior to the second stage of the tender process. As such there is no comparison to be made with other bidders and I am refusing this portion of your request under section 18(g) of the Act, as the information requested is not held by Waka Kotahi.

Further information on the ECI model may be found at:
www.procurement.govt.nz/assets/procurement-property/documents/early-contractor-involvement-construction-procurement.pdf

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

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, please contact official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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