

26 January 2022

Grayson Ottaway
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REF: OIA-9239

Dear Grayson

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 14 December 2021 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

I would like the annual costings of all years from 2011-2021 of;

Any and all Road Safety, Road Sign, Traffic Management signs or any other sign, on any and all surfaces where a vehicle is present paid for by NZTA or any and all agencies around NZTA for that area where a vehicle is present.

Your request was clarified on 16 December 2021 and 23 December 2021 as follows:

The cost of all signs on state highways in the last 10 years.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency makes lump sum payments to its contractors through its maintenance contracts for activities under the following work categories – Network Services Maintenance: WC 122 and Traffic Services Renewals: WC 222. Both work categories cover the cleaning, repairing and the renewal of traffic services assets such as signage, delineation (road markings and edge marker posts) and sight rails.

Due to the contract mechanism that Waka Kotahi uses to pay for these services, we are unable to provide you with actual costs as per your request, and instead are providing an annual breakdown of costs for WC 122 and 222 for the years 2015-2020.

Waka Kotahi does not hold information regarding signage costs for the years prior to 2015. Therefore, I am refusing this part of your request under section 18(e) of the Act because the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

The table enclosed as Appendix One at the end of this letter provides you with the annual breakdown of costs per WC 122 and 222 from 2015 – 2020.

Further information regarding the road maintenance work categories can be found at:
www.nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning-and-investment-knowledge-base/202124-nltp/2021-24-nltp-activity-classes-and-work-categories/local-road-and-state-highway-maintenance/

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to partially refuse 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 Waka Kotahi, please contact the Ministerial Services team by email to official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Oldfield', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark or stamp.

Wayne Oldfield

Senior Manager, Maintenance and Operations

Appendix 1:

Description	WC	Annual Cost 2015	Annual Cost 2016	Annual Cost 2017	Annual Cost 2018	Annual Cost 2019	Annual Cost 2020	Total
Network Services Maintenance	122	\$2,047,140	\$4,943,273	\$6,340,800	\$7,050,026	\$7,371,669	\$7,346,123	\$35,099,031
Traffic Services Renewals	222	\$7,497	\$158,550	\$501,872	\$627,076	\$590,286	\$880,566	\$2,765,847
		\$2,054,637	\$5,101,822	\$6,842,672	\$7,677,102	\$7,961,956	\$8,226,689	\$37,864,878