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**OIA -11262**

Dear Mark,

**Request made under the Official Information Act 1982**

Thank you for the email of 19 October 2022 to Waka Kotahi requesting information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). As confirmed to you in writing on the same day this request was transferred to Auckland Light Rail to respond. A response to your question is provided below.

1. A breakdown of spending on consultancy for the Auckland Light Rail project.

A range of specialists have been engaged to plan and design the current phase of the Auckland Light Rail project. These include transport planners and modellers, engineering designers, constructability engineers, rail operations advisors, urban and architectural designers, urban development, sustainability and environmental specialists. Other experts include procurement advisors, property advisors, utilities and quantity surveyors, economists and legal services. There are also project managers, risk assessors, cost estimators and programmers to manage a project of this scale. The new specialist team from Aurecon and Arup has come on board to deliver the Corridor Business Case and prepare the consents needed for construction. They are working with Atkins NZ (SNC-Lavalin) to also develop the way light rail is operated and maintained when open.

This is a breakdown of spending by year:

**Data up to 31 October 2022**

Figures are in \$m and date from 2017				
	<b>Pre- Establishment Unit Costs</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Total</b>

<b>Expert consultant costs</b>	23.91	13.43	10.01	<b>47.36</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.91</b>	<b>13.43</b>	<b>10.01</b>	<b>47.36</b>

Some other departments have utilised some staffing resource from existing baselines, for which specific cost estimates have not been included at this time.

This information is already publicly available and you can therefore also view the response as tabled in Parliament.

[https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ\\_36547\\_2022/36547-2022-simeon-brown-to-the-minister-of-transport](https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/order-paper-questions/written-questions/document/WQ_36547_2022/36547-2022-simeon-brown-to-the-minister-of-transport)

If you would like to discuss this reply with Auckland Light Rail, please contact the team by email to [info@lightrail.co.nz](mailto:info@lightrail.co.nz).

Yours sincerely



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