

24 March 2023

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REF: OIA-12201

Dear Barney

### Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 11 March 2023 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act). I will respond to each part of your request in turn:

*How many street lights are there in New Zealand?*

There are other streetlights owned by local councils, and you would need to contact those councils individually for that information. I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(g)(i) of the Act as the information requested is not held by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, and there is no reason to believe it is held by another government agency or department.

*How many street lights are there on motorways in New Zealand?*

The following information is outlined in the table below:

	<b>Poles</b>	<b>Lights</b>
Expressway	2,532	2,618
Highway	32,579	31,924
Motorway	8,327	9,047
	<b>43,438</b>	<b>43,589</b>

Please note the following concerning the data contained in the table:

- The figures are limited to Waka Kotahi assets; i.e. street lights attached to state highways.
- The figures supplied here are taken directly from RAMM, our state highway asset management system. Waka Kotahi is currently undertaking an audit of street lighting assets and our current best estimate suggests that the total number of assets may increase by approximately 7% when this process is complete.
- Each light is attached to a bracket, and each bracket is attached to a pole. A pole may contain more than one bracket and a bracket may contain more than one lamp.

- The figures exclude any assets where the assets itself, or the corresponding pole or bracket, is noted as decommissioned.

Under section 28 of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision to refuse part of this request. The contact details for the Ombudsman can be located at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

In accordance with Waka Kotahi policy, this response will be published on our website with personal details removed.

If you would like to discuss this reply with Waka Kotahi, please contact us by email to [official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:official.correspondence@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely



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