

15 March 2024

Chris McCashin  
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REF: OIA-14704

Dear Chris

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

Thank you for your email of 16 February 2024 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act):

*Please provide the following*

*Total Funding provided to local and regional councils across New Zealand since 2010*

*For example*

*Greater Wellington Regional Council*

*Payments Made*

*Dates payments made*

*What the funding was for*

*Please provide this in excel format for each of the councils across New Zealand*

*Wellington City Council, South Wairarapa etc etc etc*

Please find attached a copy of *2009-12 spend on a national level.xlsx*, and *2012-23 spend on a national level.xlsx* for the information requested on the total funding provided to local and regional councils across New Zealand from 2010 to 2023.

Due to number of payments that are made throughout a financial year, and over a 10-year period, the information requested on payment dates cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. We have considered consulting, charging, or extending in order to assist your request however would still require representatives to manually search through every invoice to obtain the payment date across a number of road controlling authorities over the ten year timeframe.

Therefore, I am declining this part of your request under section 18(f) of the Act because the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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

Note that all councils submit claims for the National Land Transport Programme contribution to project spend via Transport Investment Online (TIO). Our terms of trade require that these claims are authorised by our regional representative and will be paid within 10 days of submission. Further details can be found on the NZTA website attached:

<https://nzta.govt.nz/planning-and-investment/planning-and-investment-knowledge-base/202124-nltp/2021-24-nltp-managing-programmes-and-activities/claiming-via-transport-investment-online-processes-and-rules/#over-claims-and-refunds>

If you would like to discuss this reply with NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi (NZTA), please contact Martin Shearman, Manager, Treasury and Cash Flow, by email to [martin.shearman@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:martin.shearman@nzta.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James', written in a cursive style.

**James McHardy**  
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