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F Flaggson

By email: fyi-request-26023-7a882c39@requests.fyi.org.nz

Tēnā koe F Flaggson

INFORMATION REQUEST – Helicopter charges

We write in response to your email dated 7 March 2024 in which you requested the following information:

total per year from 2017 of any charges paid for or contributed to by TCC for the use of helicopters on Mauao. If possible please separate maintenance from other activities e.g installation of sculptures etc.

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (“**LGOIMA**”) and respond as follows:

Helicopters are used on Mauao due to the sensitive archaeological landscape requiring low impact methods and also the steep terrain and dense vegetation that makes ground-based methods high risk. Please see the table below for the projects and the cost of the helicopter for each.

Table: Costs for Use of Helicopter

Year	Detail	Cost (GST exclusive)
2017	Maintenance	\$4,227.94
2019	Maintenance	\$47,500.00
2020	Waikorire track renewal	\$52,973.00
2021	Vegetation – Pampas control	\$14,535.00
2021	Oruahine track renewal	\$36,850.50
2022	Vegetation – Pampas control	\$11,400.00
2022	Tree removal (maintenance budget)	\$120,000.00
2022	Interpretation project – Kāpehu stage one install	\$10,062.00
2023	Tree removal (maintenance budget)	\$110,000.00
2023	Interpretation project – Lower summit concrete pour	\$3,200.00
2024	Waikorire track renewal	\$33,000.00
2024	Interpretation project – Sculpture install	\$12,902.00
	TOTAL	\$456,650.44

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

We may publish this response on our website as your request may be of interest to others. All personal information will be removed and only the question and answers will be seen.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the writer.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kath Norris', written in dark ink.

Kath Norris
Team Leader
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