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Dear Iain

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 1st January 2016 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- “For the calendar year (1 Jan 2016 – 31 Dec 2016), what funding over and above the land transport fund is the government spending on the following;
 - Roads (outside Auckland/Wellington/Christchurch)
 - Rail (outside Auckland/Wellington)
 - Roads (within Auckland/Wellington/Christchurch)
 - Rail (within Auckland/Wellington)”

I can advise that currently the Crown has provided two sources of funding to the NZ Transport Agency that are outside of the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

- Firstly, the Regional Accelerated State Highway Programme – Initial funding approved was \$97 million for projects with a regional focus, with potential for a further approval following investigation of nominated projects. The current profile for drawing down the funding in the financial year 2015/16 is \$56 million and for 2016/17 is \$41 million.
- Secondly, the Urban Cycleways Programme (UCP) – Initial funding is for \$100 million over the four years 2014/15 to 2017/18. The current expenditure forecast for the financial year 2015/16 is \$12 million and for 2016/17 \$25 million. For the initial set of proposed projects, approximately 30 percent is to be spent on Auckland City Council projects, 8 percent on Wellington City Council projects and 20 percent on Christchurch City Council projects. The remaining 42 percent is for projects distributed throughout the country.

The allocations are drawn down and expended in financial years. We are not able to provide this information for calendar years.

The Prime Minister has recently announced further Crown funding for Auckland. The timing of the new funding is still uncertain but would be from 2016/17 onwards with none of the new spending planned to occur in 2015/16.

The Transport Agency does not specifically have any additional Crown funding for railway activity that is outside of the NLTP. We also referred this question to the Ministry of Transport and its response is in the following table:

	2015/16	2016/17
	\$000	\$000
Paid to KiwiRail		
NZ Railways Corp – Public Policy Projects	3,270	3,270
Railway Safety	500	500
Turnaround Plan	209,800	190,200
Wellington Rail Metro Upgrade Costs	19,513	2,575
KiwiRail Equity Injection – land sales	26,936	16,225
Total	260,019	212,770

The Crown has provided debt facilities to the Transport Agency to manage cash flows for specific activities. These include:

- A loan facility of up to \$375 million to help manage the cash flows of the Auckland Accelerated Programme.
- A loan facility of up to \$183.4 million to help manage the cash flows of the Christchurch Earthquake recovery for funds required over and above the Transport Agency annual planned spend.

Please note, the Crown does provide funding for SuperGold card members, some of which is spent on rail services. For 2015/16 approximately \$2.0 million is forecast for Auckland and \$2.3 million for Wellington. The scheme is currently under review so no breakdown for 2016/17 is possible.

Yours sincerely



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