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Dear Luke

Request made under the Official Information Act 1982

Thank you for your email of 2 May 2013 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982:

- Latest cost estimates for the Pūhoi to Warkworth and the Warkworth to Wellsford sections of the Ara Tūhono – the Pūhoi to Wellsford Road of National Significance.
- Estimated completion dates for the above sections of the project.

I address each of your questions in turn below.

Latest cost estimates

Pūhoi to Warkworth section

The latest cost estimate for construction of the Pūhoi to Warkworth section is approximately \$760 million.

Warkworth to Wellsford section

Further investigations on the Warkworth to Wellsford section are continuing. Once these investigations are completed we will identify a preferred road alignment, and an estimated cost.

The 2009 business case estimated the cost to be \$494 million.

Estimated completion dates

Pūhoi to Warkworth section

The NZTA has established a planning alliance to secure the land and resource consents required to build the Pūhoi to Warkworth section of the road. Applications for consents will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Authority in August 2013 with a view to securing consents in August 2014.

The timing of the construction will depend on the selected procurement model for the project. Procurement and funding options will be investigated in parallel to the consenting process.

At this stage we expect that construction may start between 2015 and 2019, depending on funding and property purchases. We estimate it will take 5-6 years to construct the Pūhoi to Warkworth section.

Warkworth to Wellsford section

As noted above, further investigations on the Warkworth to Wellsford section are yet to be completed. At this stage, there is no construction start date for this section, and therefore no estimated completion date.

If you would like to discuss this reply with the NZTA, please contact Patrick Kelly, Project Manager, by email to patrick.kelly@nzta.govt.nz or by phone on (09) 969 9800.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tommy Parker', with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

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For Chief Executive